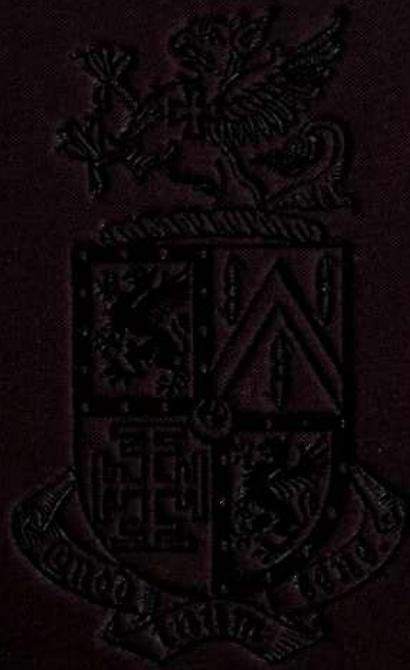


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Page 22, line 2, for "James Macfie Clarke," read "James Macfie, clarke" [i.e., clerk in holy orders].

Page 108, line 19, *Mary Baron*. *Note*.—A Mary Baron of Bury, probably the same person, married Samuel Taylor of Manchester, linen-draper, who was appointed a trustee of Cross Street Chapel in that town in 1746, and died 27 August, 1774.—*Cf.* Baker's *Memorials of Dissenting Chapels*, p. 84. (*Information of Mr. C. W. Sutton.*)

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THE WILL OF CHRISTOPHER CUNLIFFE OF THE
SPARTH, IN CLAYTON-LE-MOORS, CO. LANC.,
YEOMAN. 1563.

IN the name of God, Amen. I CHRISTOFER CUNDCLIFFE of the Sparth, co. Lanc., yeoman, being whole of mind and of good and perfect remembrance, the 16 January, 1560[1] make my last will in manner and form following. My body to Christian burial in Alth[a]m church as near to my father as conveniently may be. I make my trusty and wel-beloved Grace my wife sole executrix.

I the said Christopher being seised in fee simple of lands, &c., holden in socage, situate and being Clayton on Moures called the Sparth, I bequeath the same as follows, that is to say, to be divided in three parts equally, whereof two parts I give to Robert my son and his heirs for ever, on condition that he pay yearly to Grace my wife for her life 40^s for the bringing up of her children, with power for the said Grace to distrain for the same, upon condition that she keep her widowhood unviolat. And if my said wife shall not keep her widowhood as aforesaid, then my part of goods shall be evenly divided amongst my children, except Robert my eldest son, and my wife shall only have her third part of my lands during her life, with reversion to

the said Robert my son and his heirs for ever, trusting that he will be good to his mother and brethren and sisters and that he will dwell with his mother during her life.

All my goods shall be divided into three parts, one part to myself, the second part to my wife, and the third part to my children except Robert, and the rest of my part of goods I give to my wife and children except Robert.

I constitute my welbeloved friends John Nowell, John Scoller, Edward Byrtewisle, Robert Asshe, Nicholas Cundcliffe, Richard Stanworth, and William Merser, to be supervisors of this my will.

[Not Signed.]

Witnesses—

[Signed] John Braddyll.
lawfres hey, clerke.
Ric stanworth.

[Proved at Chester, 1563. Endorsement illegible.]

THE WILL OF ROBERT CUNLIFFE OF THE
SPARTH, CO. LANC., YEOMAN.¹ 1580.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 31 March, 1578. I ROBERT CUNLYFFE of the Sparthe, co. Lanc., yeoman. My body to Christian burial.

¹ Robert Cunliffe of Sparth married Isabel, daughter of Christopher Marsden of Feniscowles, co. Lanc., by whom he had two sons, Christopher, named in the will, who married Jennet, daughter of Christopher Kenyon of Milnshaw, co. Lanc., and John Cunliffe of London, who entered his pedigree, without arms, in 1633. (*Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, vol. ii. p. 22.)

I give and devise all that my messuage and tenement with the appurtenances in Clayton upon the Mores commonly called the Sparthe, and four closes of land in Clayton aforesaid, whereof two are called the R[o]ughe Heyes, one called the Cewe Hey, and the fourth the Sparthe Croft, late in the occupation of Christopher Cunlyffe my father, deceased, and all other my lands and tenements, to Christopher Cunlyff son and heir apparent of me the said Robert Cunlyffe and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. Remainder to Grace Cunlyffe, Elizabeth Cunlyffe, Anne Cunlyffe, Marie Cunlyffe, and Alice Cunlyffe, my daughters, and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten equally amongst them, with benefit of survivorship. Remainder to Richard Cunlyffe my brother and his heirs. Remainder to Thomas Cunlyffe another brother of me the said Robert and his heirs. Remainder to Margaret Gellybrande my sister and wife to Thomas Gellybrande of Romsgreave in Meller, co. Lanc., yeoman, and her heirs. Remainder to Elizabeth Tayleor one other sister of me the said Robert, and wife to Gyles Tayleor of Waddington, co. York, yeoman, and her heirs. Remainder to Nicholas Cunlyffe of Great Harwood, co. Lanc., yeoman, uncle to me the said Robert, and his heirs. Remainder to John Cunlyffe of Whalley, co. Lanc., yeoman, another uncle of me the said Robert, and his heirs. Remainder to the right heirs of the said Christopher Cunlyffe my son and heir apparent for ever.

And whereas I have heretofore by my deed given and granted to John Seller of Reade, co. Lanc., yeoman, and John Cunlyffe of Whalley, yeoman, all my goods, &c., whatsoever, upon trust to pay such sums of money, &c., as I should by my will appoint. Therefore I the said Robert appoint that they shall pay all my debts, and the third part of all the rest to Issabell now my wife, the other two parts to Grace Cunlyffe, Elizabeth Cunlyffe, Anne Cunlyffe, Marie Cunlyffe, and Alice Cunlyffe my daughters. And I give all sums of money owing to me to my said wife and daughters equally amongst them, and make them executors of this my will, and Thomas Southworthe, son and heir apparent of

Sr John Southworthe of Samlesburye, co. Lanc., knight, and John Culcheth, son and heir apparent of John Culcheth of Culcheth, Esq., supervisors of this my will.

[Not signed.]

Witnesses—	John Holker,	Richard Cromebok,
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	Jamys Lawe,	Ryc. Marler,
	John Wegan,	Thomas Marser,
	Edmund Marser.	

[Proved at Chester, 1580. Endorsement illegible.]

THE WILL OF RICHARD WORSLEY OF LONDON,
GENTLEMAN. 1597.

IN the name of God, Amen. I RICHARD WORSLEY¹ of London, gentleman. My body to the earth and for the decent interring of the same I leave to the order and discretion of my Executors and overseers hereunder named. And whereas Bowyer Worsley my son standeth bound unto me in a certain

¹ Richard Worsley was the son of Giles Worsley, who, at the dissolution of the religious houses, purchased the manor of Ashey and other considerable property in the Isle of Wight and went to reside there. Giles was the second son of Robert Worsley of Worsley Booths, co. Lanc., by Eleanor, daughter of Roger Hulton of Hulton, co. Lanc. His son, Bowyer Worsley, who was knighted at Salisbury 20 August, 1607, sold the estates in the Isle of Wight, and in 1637 administration of his estate was granted to his daughter Frances Hobson. This branch of the Worsley family, though derived until the year 1330 from a common ancestry, is not the same as the other Worsleys of the Isle of Wight, now represented by the Earl of Yarborough, who removed there from Worsley Maines, near Wigan, on the marriage, 3 Hen. VIII., of Sir James Worsley with Ann, daughter and heiress of Sir John Leigh of Appuldercombe priory, in that island.—(*Information of Mr. J. E. Worsley, F.S.A.*)

statute in the sum of £3000, bearing date 29th May in the 37th Elizabeth [1595] which said statute is forfeited unto me for the non payment of my annuity and divers other sums of money to his brother and sisters according to the said statute. My will and pleasure is that if my said son Bowyer Worsley do enter into sufficient bond with sufficient sureties in the sum of £400, unto Gyles Kent of Apledeercanbe in the Isle of Wight, co. Southampton, gentleman, George Lawley of New Inne, co. Middlesex, gentleman, and Augustine Novey, Citizen and Merchant tailor of London, hereafter named my overseers of this my last will and testament with condition thereupon indorsed for the payment of £200 unto Hester Moises alias Beeston my now wife, and unto Jeroboam Worsley alias Beeston my son by the said Hester, within one year next after my decease without trouble or vexacion of the said Hester or Jeroboam or any of them, And also only paying and discharging such sum and sums of money unto Raphe my son and to Alice my daughter as are sett down and specified in an Indenture of defeazance made between me the said Richard Worsley and the said Bowyer Worsley dated 31 May in the aforesaid 37th Elizabeth [1595], Then my will and pleasure is that my said son Bowyer Worsley shall have the said statute and be free from the penalty thereof, Otherwise my will and pleasure is that my Executors shall have the said statute and take the full penalty and benefit thereof. And my will and mind is that within 2 months next after the payment of the said £200 as aforesaid that the said Hester Moises alias Beeston and the said Jeroboam shall pay or cause to be paid unto Anne Worsley my daughter the sum of £50. And for those sums of money and debts owing unto me by my Cousen Mr. Thomas Worsley which I have recovered or otherwise are due unto me by him or his father, my will and mind is that the said Hester Moyses alias Beeston my now wife if she do not hereafter marry nor live an incontynent life shall have the one moiety or half thereof. And the other moiety and half I give to the said Jeroboam. But if the said Hester shall hereafter

marry or shall not keep herself from any carnal company of man, Then my will and mind is that the said Jeroboam my son shall have the whole debts so owing or due unto me by my said cousin Thomas Worsley or by his said father, anything in this my will to the contrary notwithstanding. Item, To my son Bowyer Worsley my best piece of plate. Item, To my servants their several wages due to them at my death and also ten shillings to each of them. Item, To my said overseers executors named £3 6s. 8d. so that they assist in the executing of this my last will and testament. And my will and mind is and I do give to Elizabeth Moyses, Mother of the said Hester, 40 shillings a year for her life, and also her diet at the charges of my executors. And if in case she go away from them and elsewhere diet, that then from and after such departure my will is that my said executors shall give and pay unto her the said Elizabeth £5 a year quarterly by even portions. And whereas my said son Bowyer Worsley oweth me £15 10s. my will is and I give to the poor of the parish of Newchurch where my son Bowyer now dwells £10 of the said £15 10s. to be distributed among them at the feast of the Birth of our Lord God next ensuing the decease of me the said Richard Worsley, by the said Bowyer. And in so doing the other £5 10s., remainder of the £15 10s., I give to the said Bowyer my son. Item, To my sister Elizabeth Wilkinson 10 shillings. Item, To Mr. John Richardes, gentleman, 10 shillings. To Mr. John Spittall 10 shillings. To the poor of the parish of St. Giles, wherein I now dwell, 10 shillings. The rest, my debts &c. paid, I give unto the said Hester Moyses alias Beeston my now wife and unto the said Jeroboam to be divided between them. And I ordain nominate and appoint the said Hester Moyses alias Beeston my wife and Jeroboam Worsley alias Beeston my said son my executors. Provided that one Thomas Beeston do not meddle with this my said will. And I do entreat the aforesaid Giles Kent, George Lawley and Augustine Novey to be overseers of this my will and to assist my executors for the performance of the same.

In Witness whereof I have put my hand and seale the 2 Augst 39th year of Elizth, 1597.

RICHARD WORSLEY.

Witnesses—John Spittall, ffr. Langley, Wifm Clarkson.

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THE WILL OF CHRISTOPHER BRADSHAW OF
BEDFORD, CO. LANC. 1598.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 18 April, 1597. I CHRISTOPHER BRADSHAWE of Bedforde, co. Lanc., sick in body. My body to be buried within the parish church of Leighe.¹

First I give, grant, and assign all my tenement, houses, and buildings with the lease thereof, to George Bradshawe my son, and the issue of his body lawfully to be begotten, saving that I give to Margret my wife these parcels of ground and buildings, that is to wit, the Powters field, Rye field, Isabell Accres, Rye-field slacke, the Little Meadow, the Butt meadow, two hemp yards, and half of that yard which is paled about, until such time that Richard Bradshawe my son come to 20 years of age, towards the bringing up of my youngest children Richard and Margret Bradshawe, if the said Margret my wife so long live and keep herself sole and unmarried, and if she shall die or marry

¹ Christopher Bradshaw was buried at Leigh church 19 April, 1597, and his wife was buried there 6 October, 1598.

within the said term, then Richard Shuttleworth and Robert ffilden shall occupy the same during the said term to the use aforesaid. And it is my will that Margret my wife shall have all the new stable or new building and likewise the third part of the fire house with easement in the fold during the said term in manner aforesaid. And it is my will that if George Bradshawe my son depart this life without such issue of his body, then Richard Bradshawe my son shall have the said tenement. And for want of issue of the said Richard, I assign the same tenement to Elizabeth Bradshawe my daughter, and her issue lawfully begotten. Remainder to Margret Bradshawe my daughter and her issue. Remainder to John Holcrofte son of John Holcrofte of Pinnington and his assigns.

I give all my carts, plows, and harrows to George Bradshawe and Richard Bradshawe my sons equally between them. To George my son the great ark in the barn, three old coffers in the higher loft, the meal ark, and the great brass pot. To Richard and Margret Bradshawe my children the great ark in the stable the ark in my bed chamber, 25 boards in the heyhouse and two coffers in the barn. To Margret my wife and Elizabeth my daughter all the rest of my arks and coffers in the house. To Alice Lythgowe my god-daughter 2*s.* 8*d.* To James Sale my godson 2*s.* 8*d.* To the children of John Holcrofte my best weaning calf. All my debts and funeral expenses shall be discharged out of my whole goods, and all the rest of my goods, &c., shall be equally divided betwixt Margret my wife, George my son, Richard my son, Elizabeth and Margret Bradshawe my daughters.

I constitute Margret Bradshawe my wife executrix of this my will, and desire the Right Worshipful John Atherton, Esq., to be supervisor of the same.

Witnesses—Richard Shuttleworthe, Robert Filden, John Holcroft, and Geffray fflitcrofte.

[Proved at Chester 25 April, 1598, by the executrix.]

INVENTORY taken 18 April, 1597, by William Sale, Richard Shuttleworth, Robert ffilden, John Holcrofte, John Glover, and Richard Arrowsmyth.

Farming Stock, Household Goods, &c.

5 silver spoons	-	-	-	-	24 ^s
In gold money pawnes and pledges	-		5 ^{li}	3 ^s	

Debts which I owe—

To Mr. James Pemberton my old master 5^{li} or 6^{li}

I have made an account of the will of
Roger Collyer before Mr. Hilton.

Debts owing to me—

Mr. Geffray Holcrofte	-	-	-	-	13 ^s	4 ^d
John Cleworth	-	-	-	-	53 ^s	4 ^d
Alexander Ward	-	-	-	-	40 ^s	
Randulphe Lowe	-	-	-	-		12 ^d
George Smythe	-	-	-	-	34 ^s	
Anne Coockeson	-	-	-	-		22 ^d
Edward Bradshall	-	-	-	-	20 ^s	
Hatheryn Lyethgoe	-	-	-	-	3 ^s	8 ^d
James Glover	-	-	-	-	4 ^s	
Walter Traves	-	-	-	-	7 ^s	8 ^d
James Crofte	-	-	-	-	2 ^s	4 ^d
William Liptrott & Richard Arrowsmyth				4 ^{li}		
Geffray Wood	-	-	-	-	4 ^{li}	
William Spakeman the younger	-	-	-	3 ^{li}		
Edmund Smythe	-	-	-	-	20 ^s	
John Rutter	-	-	-	-	13 ^s	4 ^d
George Nayler	-	-	-	-	10 ^s	
Alice Hurste widow	-	-	-	-	10 ^s	
The executors or adminstrators of John Sothworth	-	-	-	-	19 ^s	

Richard Spakeman	-	-	-	-	12 ^d
Henry Johnson	-	-	-	-	40 ^s
[The above are the whole of the debts.]					
Total of Inv.	-	-	148 ^{li}	9 ^s	

THE NUNCUPATIVE WILL OF JOHN WAKEFIELD
OF WARRINGTON, CO. LANC., SCHOOL-
MASTER.¹ 1605.

(A copy in the Warrington Museum and Library.)

"**M**D. That JOHN WAKEFIELD late of Warington, in the County of Lancaster, Schoolm^r, haueinge made and declared his laste Will and Testam^t conceived in writeinge and published signed sealed and deliued the same for his laste Will and Testam^t the xxjth day of May Anno dñi 1605 nowe Current before the witnesses in the same Will and Testam^t nowe in due forme proued and remayninge of record sett downe & expressed Did afterwards the same day, viz. xxj^o May, an^o 1605, And before the same Witnesses, by Words not then set downe in writeinge nuncupatively further expresse his laste Will and mynde to the effecte followinge That is to say that his Executors named in his said written Will or Testam^t soe as before-said by him made and executed should out of his whole goods be allowed and allowe unto themselves As well all and all manf^l of Charges as they should susteyne or be any Wayes vrged or Compelled vnto by reason of there said Executorship As

¹John Wakefield was buried at Warrington, 30 May, 1605, as "Mr. John Wakefield, Ludimagister." He was master of the Boteler Grammar School, in 1576.—(Hist. Soc. Lanc. & Ches., 1st series, vol. viii. p. 66.)

alsoe haue due recompence and satisfaçcon for there travell labor and paynes that they shall sustayne in that behalfe at all tymes hereafter.

“ M^d Alsoe That the said John Wakfilde the Testator aforesaid in or about the xxij or xxijth of May, Anno dñi 1605 supraðco beinge of pfecte remembrance did further Declare his laste will or Testam^t nuncupativelie in Words without writeinge to the effecte followinge vitz. he the said John Wakfilde did giue and bequeath the some of thirty pounds of Currant money of England to be made Ready by his Executors within two yeres next after his deceasse and deliūed wthin the tyme afforesaid to the hands of Thomas Ireland, Esquier,¹ Thomas Tildesley, Esquier,² Alexander Standishe, Esquier, and John Ashworthe Clerke, pson of Warington, whom he noīated and appoynted as feoffes in trust to cause and see the same to be put into the hands of the honest poore handycrafte men and tradesmen of Warington soe as they migthe take benifite by the Employm^t and vse thereof Allwayes provided That the said Thomas Ireland, Thomas Tildesley, & Alexander Standishe and there heires and the said John Ashworthe and his successors, Parsons of Warington, should from tyme to tyme take order by there sound discreçons that the said some of xxxli soe as beforesaid giuen & bequeathed should be preserved to remayne as a stocke to be ymployed to the vse afforesaid for eu^l hereafter.

“ Witnesses hereof—Thomas Ireland, Esquier, Thomas Bold, Esquier, John Ogle, Esquier, John Ashworthe, Clerke.”

Will with Codicil proved in and granted by authority of the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Chester, on the 6th day of June, 1605, by the executors therein named.

¹ Thomas Ireland of Bewsey was one of the counsel to the Prince of Wales, and was knighted at Bewsey 21 August, 1617, when he entertained the King.

² Thomas Tildesley was afterwards Attorney General and Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster, and was knighted at Greenwich 16 June, 1616.

Depositions taken at Warrington, 28 Aug., 1605, before William Legh, Parson of Standish, concerning certain codicils annexed to the last will of John Wackfeld, late Schoolmaster of Warrington, deceased.

The following persons give evidence—Thomas Patton, John Kirfott, William Wolley, Richard Topping, John Ogle, Esq., John Ashworth, Parson of the Rectory of Warrington, and Thomas Ireland of Bewsey, co. Lanc., Esq.

The codicils proved [at Chester] 30 Aug., 1605.

INVENTORY of all the goods, &c., late belonging to John Wackfield late of Warrington, co. Lanc., deceased, which came to the hands of John Wackfield and Thomas Ashton, executors of the last will of the said deceased, valued and praised by Thomas Bispham, Isaacke Midgley, William Butler, and Hugh Maudesley, and since sold.

Inp ^r gold and silver in the deceased's chest	38 ² li	16 ^s	6 ^d
Item in gold pawned by Mr. John Hawarden	-	-	50 ^{li}
Item in gold pawned by Alexander Stan-dish, Esq.	-	-	3 ^{li}
Item six cushions and plate sold to Mr. Blundell of Ince	-	8 ^{li}	17 ^s 6 ^d
Farming Stock, Household Goods, &c.			
Item one old suit of apparel pawned by Mr. Winington	-	-	18 ^s
Item twoe silver beakers, valued at	-	3 ^{li}	19 ^s 4 ^d

Whereas the said testator died possessed of many other goods not expressed in this inventory because they were taken away by Hugh Page and Thomas Allen, claiming the same or the use thereof to be given to them by the said testator's will, for which the said executors commenced a suit against the said Page and Allen in his Majesty's Court of Common Pleas at Westminster,

out of which Court the said Page and Allen removed the said cause into the Duchy Court of Lancaster, where by the consent of both parties it was referred to the final determination of Randle Barton and Raphe Ashton, Esquires, and both parties bound to stand to such order as they should set down. Whereupon the said arbitrators awarded the said Page and the executors of the said Allen, now deceased, in lieu of the goods so taken, to pay to the said executors £137 16s. . . . [torn], whereof the said executors have received the sum of £119 5s. 8d.

Debts due to the testator at the time of his death and since received by the said executors—

							£	s.	d.
Thomas Lowe and Richard Barnes	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	8
Charles Leghe	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	0	0
John Hawarden	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	0	0
William Waringe	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	0	0
Robert Whitlowe, for corn	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	4	6
Thomas Patton	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
Hugh Page	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	0	0
Thomas Bispham	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	0	0
S ^r Richard Broke	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	0	0
Robert Woodde	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
M ^r Ashton	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	0	0
M ^r Gregge, for 8½ bushels of wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	16	0
M ^r Ashton of Penketh	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	19	6

and others.

Doubtful Debts not received—

Margaret Werden - - - - - 5 10 0
Mr Grymesdich, for 3 bushels of wheat - 2 8 0

and others.

Desperate Debts—

Richard Bruch - - - - - - - - - 2^{li}

ffouke Ledsham - - - - - 12^{li}
 which is bequeathed by the decedent in his last will to
 John Page.

Total of Inventory - - - 885^{li} 2^s 4^d

Exhibited 14 Jany, 1607-8.

THE WILL OF THOMAS CREWE OF HOLT, CO.
 DENBIGH, GENT. 1613.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 6 Feb., 1611[12]. I THOMAS CREWE of the town of Lyons alias Holte, co. Denbigh, and Diocese of Chester, gent. My body I commit to the earth whereof it came. Whereas I have heretofore by my Indenture bearing date the 14th Dec., 6 James [1608] granted and agreed to convey and assure to Sir Francis Lacon, knight, Edward Harnage of Bellmaden, co. Sallo, Esq., Arthur Starkie of Wrenburie, co. Chester, Esq., John Mascie of Coddington, co. Chester, Esq., George Bostocke of Churton, co. Chester, Esq., Edward Tannott of Broxton, co. Chester, gent., and George Bostocke, of Lyons alias Holte, gent., a good and lawful estate of inheritance in fee simple of and in all those farms, messuages, lands, &c., whereof I the said Thomas Crewe, or any other to my use, was or is seised in Lyons alias Holte, aforesaid, and in Crewe, Wimbaldes Trafford, and Houle, co. Chester, and Ewlowe, co. Flint, or elsewhere in the realm of England, to the uses in the said Indenture declared, and whereas also I have by the said Indenture reserved power to myself to charge my said lands, &c. (except such as are appointed for the Jointure of Sara Crewe, now wife of Thomas Crewe, the younger), with the payment of £120 for the preferment of my younger children. Now

my will is that the said Indenture shall stand and be effectual, and I hereby leave and bequeath the said sum of £120 to Emme Crue, Kaytherin Crue, and Anne Crue, my three daughters, viz., to every one of them £40 apiece, provided that Kaytherin Crue now wife of Robert Woodward be first paid her portion in lieu of her marriage money and bond thereof made. And whereas I hold by Indenture of lease bearing date 1st July, 35 Elizabeth [1593] certain copyhold lands according to the Custom of the Lordship of Bromfeild, for years yet enduring, viz. 6 acres lying near Wernehook, 2½ acres of meadowing in St. Marie lounds, one house and burgage in the town of Lyons alias Holte, wherein one James Eynesdale now dwells, one bay of building and smiths shop lying at the north end of the Walshe Court House, and one piece of land called the Cliae Pitts lying near the Bridge, my mind is that if my son Thomas Crue will redeem the said 6 acres being now in mortgage to Mr John Pulford of London, gent., and pay to him the sum of £100 at the feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady, 1614; and likewise the 2½ acres of meadowing now in mortgage to Mr Robert Woodward, my son in law, and pay to him the sum of £18 at the said feast in the year 1615, and will also pay to my three younger sons £60, viz. to Edward Crue £20, to John Crue £20, and to Arthur Crue £20, then I bequeath all the same leased lands, &c., to the said Thomas Crue, my son and heir, and if he refuse or make default, then I bequeath the same or so much as shall not be redeemed, to my said three younger sons. I leave so much money as will make "one faire wth steppes out of the lane into the churche yard," at the discretion of my executors. To my son Thomas Crue my Caliver laid with bone, and my buff Jerkin, and to his wife my watch, desiring them both to permit my brother Lancelot Crue to have and occupy the house and burgage wherein Thomas Wherks now dwells after my decease, during his life, or to bestow the rent thereof yearly upon him. All the rest of my goods, &c., my debts and funeral expences being first discharged out of the whole, I give to my son Edward

Crue, and my two daughters Emme Crue and Anne Crue equally amongst them, and of this my last will and testament I ordain and constitute my loving cousin John Mascie of Coddington, Esq., Edward Tannott of Broxton, gent., and my son Edward Crue, my executors, desiring my cousin George Bostocke of the Holte and David Speed, gent., to be overseers.

THO. CRUE.

Witnesses—

Theophilus Griffithe.

Richard Maddocke.

James Wilkenson.

John Smithe.

[A copy of the will.]

[Proved at Chester 30 Oct., 1613, and because the executors in the will named renounced, administration was granted to Roger Downes of Broxton.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS STOTT OF LITTLE
WARDLE, IN THE PARISH OF ROCHDALE,
CO. LANC., HUSBANDMAN.¹ 1615.

“**T**N the Name of god, Amen, the xxvijth Day of Januarie, 1614[15] I THOMAS STOTT of litle wardle in the pishe of Ratchdall and countie of Lancaster, husbandman, beinge sicke in bodie but of good and pfect memorie, praysed be god therfore, do constitute & make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge ffirst and principally I comend my soule into the hands of Almighty god trustinge by

* Thomas Stott was buried at Rochdale 30 January, 1614-15, and his wife, whose christian name is not given in the parish register, was buried there 11 November, 1607.—(Information of Lieut.-Col. Fishwick, F.S.A.)

the merits and passion of Jesus Christ to have free remission of all my sinnes and for my bodie to be buried in the pish church yarde of Ratchdall or els where as it shall please god to appoynte, And for my temporall goodes w^{ch} god hath bestowed on me, my will is that they shall be given and bequeathed as followeth ffirst it is my will and minde that my forthe bringinge funerall expenses mortuarie & probation of my will and all my Detts be Dischardged forthe of my whole goodes. Then it is my will and mind that the rest of all my goodes be divided into two equall partes & portions.

"Itm it is my will and minde that the one half of my goodes be geven to my two sons James Stott and Thomas Stott equally to be divided betwixt them for there filliall childs portions. The other half of my goodes I reserve to my selfe to be bestowed to suche vses as shall heareafter be expressed & declared, to witt ffirst I will geve and bequeath vnto Alice Whittikar my daughter Twelve pounde thirteen shillings four pence. Itm, I will geve and bequeath vnto her two Daughters ten shillings apeece. Item, I will geve and bequeath vnto my son James Stott his six childrē to every one of them ten shillings. Item, I will geve and bequeathe vnto ffrancis Stott twentie six shillings eight pence.

And whearas I obtayned a lease from the right worshipfull John Holt of Stuble, esquire, to me and my assigns for the tearme of twentie & one yeares whearof foure yeares were vnexpyred of an old lease payinge therfore fortie six pounde thirteen shillings and foure pence whearof I payde for two partes of the tenement Thirtie & one pounde two shillings & two pence. I do now assigne the sayde lease wholy to my sonn James Stott Conditionally that he do pay vnto my son Thomas Stott so much money as so manye yeares shall come to that are vnexpyred rateably according to the some that I payde at the obtayning of my lease, and for the rest & reymaynder of all my parte of good[s] not geven nor bequeathed, I do geve and bequeath them wholy to my son Thomas Stott. And hearin I Do revoke all former wils and testaments made by me, and

heareof I do nominate and apoynte my welbeloved sons James Stott and Thomas Stott to be executors of this my last will and testament to see it executed and pformed as my trust is in them.

Notwthstandinge all my former gifts and legacies it is my will and minde that wheareas there is a lease to me and my assignes of two closes called the paggassee as will appeare by a lease from John Stott of bircheshaw, I do geve and assigne it to defend a sute depending betwixt John Whittikar on the one parte playntiffe and me the sayd testator and robart Walkeden on the other parte and that my sayd executors shall Stand seased to that vse in the premises. Item, i percell of ground calld the vpper banke hey for certeyne yeares that are yet to spend vpon a bargayn made betwixt the testator & James Stott de banke."

" Detts owinge to me the testator.

Inpmis Henry Ratcliffe de longley, esquire	vli
Itm. James Stott de banke	- - - vli
Itm. Abraham lorde	- - - vli xvij ^d
Itm. Edmund lorde aliter boultonn	- - xij ^s iiijd
Itm. Henry Hawarth de Stackhouse	- - vjs viij ^d
Itm. James Ashworth de broad clouge	- - xij ^s iiijd
Itm. Johon Collinge de broad Clouge	- - xx ^s
Itm. Thomas Cronkeshaw	- - - xxvj ^s
Itm. Rychard Tatersall	- - - xx ^s
Itm. John Kershaw de tunsted	- - - xx ^s
Itm. Charles Stott de brown wardle	- - xl ^s
Itm. John Mathew butcher	- - - iijli
Itm. Edmund Meller of oldam	- - - xlvs viij ^d

Detts owinge by me the testator.

Inpmis to my Daughter Alice whittikar	- xvijli vjs viij ^d
Itm. to Abraham holt as will apeare by a bond	- - - - - viijli
Itm. to James Stott my Son for ten ewes	- xlvs
Itm. to ffrancis Stott de leonarde Croston	- x ^s

Itm. to Mary Stott my Son James his Daught ⁹	- - - - -	xx ^s
Itm. to James Stott my sonn	- - - - -	vijli xvij ^s
Itm. to Thomas Stott my sonn	- - - - -	xx ^s
Itm. to James Stott & Thomas Stott my sons	- - - - -	vli xij ^s
Itm. to ffrancis Stott for this yeares wages		[Blank]"

[Proved at Chester, by the executors, 9 Feb., 1614[15.]

THE WILL OF CHRISTOPHER CUNLIFFE OF THE
SPARTH, CO. LANC., GENTLEMAN.¹ 1615 and 1621.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 17 Oct., 1614. I CHRISTOPHER CUNLIFFE of the Sparth, co. Lanc., gent., being sick in body.

First I will that my executors hereafter named shall take the whole profits of two parts of my lands until my eldest son Robert shall accomplish his age of 21 years, or if he die, until such time as he might have come to the said age, the which profits to be employed and bestowed amongst my five younger children John, Thomas, Anne, Mary, and Alice equally towards their better maintenance and preferment. And the profits of the other third part of my lands to be taken during the said time by my executors and bestowed by them for the good of my eldest son Robert. And if there fall out any wardship of my said son Robert, then I desire that he may be at the tuition of my brother John Cunlyve only.

I will that my goods be divided into three equal parts, one part whereof to my wife, the second part to my said five younger children, and also the remainder of my part after my debts and funerals discharged.

¹ See note page 2.

I hereby nominate and appoint my said brother John Cunliffe, my brother in lawes [sic] William Ouldam and John Haworth, and my nephew Thomas Hammond executors of this my will.

Witnesses—Richard Duckworth, Henry Duckesbury, William Hackinge.

[A copy of the will on parchment.]

[Proved at Chester 12 January, 1614[15], by John Cunliffe one of the executors, before John Morres, clerk, Vicar of Black-borne, power reserved to the other executors.]

[There is another copy of this will, on parchment, dated 17 Oct., 1614, and endorsed on the back in Latin:—

Will with Inventory of the goods of Christofer Cunliffe late of the Sparth, deceased, proved [at Chester] 11 Sept., 1621, and administration granted to the executors in the will named, before John Morres, clerk.]

THE WILL OF JOHN KENYON OF ICKENHURST,
CO. LANC., YEOMAN. 1621.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 10 Sept., 1620. I JOHN KENYON of Ickenhurst, co. Lanc., yeoman. My body to Christian burial.

And whereas I have heretofore surrendered into the hands of the Lord the King, one messuage, other buildings, and certain parcels of land, &c., of the yearly rent to the Lord the King of 8s. 1d. to the use of John Cunliffe of Woodhead and Nicholas Cunliffe, son and heir apparent of the said John, to stand seised as feoffees in trust to such uses as I should by my last will in writing limit. I hereby appoint that the said feoffees shall be seised of the said premises after the decease of the survivor of me, the said John Kenyon and Jenett my wife, to the use of

Jenett Tayleor my daughter and her assigns during her life, if she so long keep [herself] the unviolated wife or widow of James Tayleor her now husband, and afterwards to the use of William Tayleor, son and heir apparent of the said James Tayleor, and the heirs male of his body lawfully to be begotten. Remainder to the use of John Tayleor, second son of the said James Tayleor and his heirs male. Remainder to Henry Tayleor, third son of the said James Tayleor and his heirs male. Remainder to James Tayleor, fourth son of the said James Tayleor, and his heirs male. Remainder to my right heirs for ever.

The said feoffees shall stand seised of the moiety of the said premises for 13 years after the death of me, the said John and Jenett my wife, if the said Jenett Tayleor or William her son do not pay £8 yearly to the use of the younger children of the said Jenett Tayleor by the said James Tayleor during the said term, and also of the moiety of the said premises to the use of the said James Tayleor and his younger children if he survive the said Jenett his wife, during the time that he shall continue unmarried. Power for the said William Tayleor or any other heir male to appoint jointures for any women they shall hereafter marry, and in case the said William or any other heir male shall die without leaving issue male, but having one or more daughter or daughters, then the said feoffees shall be seised of the said premises to raise £100 for such daughter or daughters, if the heir male for the time being do not pay the same.

And as touching my worldly goods, after my debts and funeral expenses discharged, my will is they be divided into three equal parts; the first part whereof I give to Jenett my wife in lieu of her portion, the second part to Jenett Tayleor my daughter, and the third part to the children of the said James Tayleor and Jenett Tayleor my said daughter equally amongst them.

Finally I constitute and make the said Jenett my said wife and the said James Tayleor my son-in-law executors.

Witnesses—John Cunliffe, Edmund Pillinge, Isabell Cunliffe.

Debts owing to the testator—

James Marcrofte Clarke -	-	-	-	3 ^{li}	11 ^s	4 ^d
Robert Haworthe -	-	-	-	3 ^{li}	4 ^s	6 ^d

[These are all the debts.]

[Proved 21 June, 1621, by the executors, before Mr. Gilbert Holden, Curate of Church Kirke.]

THE WILL OF ROBERT ORRELL THE ELDER OF
WIGAN, CO. LANC., YEOMAN. 1623.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 3rd Sept., 1622. I ROBERT ORRELL the elder of Wigan, co. Lanc., yeoman. My body to be buried at my parish church of Wigan, where my ancient burial place is.

Whereas I the said Robert Orrell by deed of feoffment made, bearing date 23 Sept., 12 James [1614], did give and grant to Alexander Rigby, late of Wigan aforesaid, Esq., deceased, and others his co-feoffees, all those my messuages, burgages, lands, &c., in the said deed expressed, situate in Wigan or elsewhere in the county of Lancaster, to certain uses declared in a pair of Indentures bearing date 20 Sept., 12 James [1614], subject to revocation by me the said Robert Orrell, if I should grant one annuity of 10^s to any person. I do hereby declare that to the intent to make void the said deed of feoffment, I by deed dated the last day of Sept., 19 James [1621], granted to John Winstanley of Billinge, co. Lanc., yeoman, one annuity of 10^s. issuing out of the lands, &c., aforesaid, and I hereby confirm the same annuity to the said John for the term of 2 years. And I bestow my said lands, &c., as follows.

First I give and bequeath all that messuage, burgage, lands, &c., in Wigan aforesaid, now in my occupation, to Robert Orrell

my son and his heirs for ever, valuing the same to be worth £60, and so much of my goods as will make his portion equal with the portions of the rest of my children, in case the same shall amount to more than £60 each. I bequeath to my loving cosens William Molyneux, gent., and Edward Woodward, yeoman, executors of this my will, and their heirs, all that piece of land in a certain meadow in Wigan aforesaid, called Banesters Meadow, containing three tofts of land, and now or late in the occupation of Olyver Jollye, to be by them conveyed to Robert Orrell my grandchild, son of Gilbert Orrell, deceased, if he shall pay to the said William Molyneux and Edward Woodward £30 towards the payment of my legacies, and if he shall not pay the same, then the said land shall be sold, and the said £30 first taken out, and the remainder of the money for which the same shall be sold to be paid to the said Robert Orrell my grandchild.

I give to Lowre Orrell, late wife of the said Gilbert my son, deceased, all that messuage, lands, &c., in Standishgate in Wigan aforesaid, now in the occupation of the said Olyver Jollye, until my said grandchild Robert Orrell shall be 21, if she shall so long keep sole and unmarried, and after the said Robert shall attain the said age of 21, I give to the said Lowre Orrell the north east part of the said messuage, and the moiety of the barns, lands, &c., during her life, and afterwards I give the said messuage, &c., to the said Robert Orrell my grandchild and his heirs male. Remainder to Gilbert Orrell, younger son of the said Gilbert, deceased, and his heirs male. Remainder to John Orrell my son for his life. Remainder to Robert Orrell, son of the said John, and his heirs male. Remainder to William Orrell, son of the said John, and his heirs male. Remainder to Edward Orrell, son of the said John, and his heirs male. Remainder to Richard Orrell my son and his heirs male. Remainder to Robert Orrell my son and his heirs for ever.

My debts and funeral expenses shall be paid out of all my goods, and the remainder divided into two equal parts, one part whereof I give to my five children, John Orrell, Richard Orrell,

Robert Orrell, Grace Bancks, and Margaret Winstanley, they accounting to my executors for all such sums of money heretofore by them received from me, so that every one of my children then living may have equal portions, and the said Robert my son shall allow the £60 for the said messuage. And the other part I dispose of as follows. To Gilbert Orrell and Ellin Orrell, children of Gilbert Orrell my son, deceased, £5 apiece, and to Robert Orrell, Elizabeth Orrell, Margaret Orrell, Grace Orrell, and Ellen Orrell, children of the said Gilbert my son, deceased, £4 apiece. To Gilbert, son of the said Gilbert Orrell, deceased, £5, and that the said Lowre Orrell shall have the profit of the same legacies till they come to the age of 21 or preferment. To Elizabeth Orrell, late wife of Rauffe Orrell, deceased, £6 13*s.* 4*d.* towards the payment of the debts of the said Rauffe. To the wife of Peter Orrell my son, deceased, £5. To all my grandchildren living at my death to whom I have given no legacies, 20*s.* apiece. To Richard Orrell, bastard son of Rauffe Orrell, deceased, £5. To Mary Woodward, 20*s.* To William Woodward, Ellen Woodward, Jane Woodward, and Alice Woodward, 10*s.* apiece. To Cicely Prescott, Jane Prescott, Agnes Prescott, and Elizabeth Prescott, daughters of John Prescott, 10*s.* apiece. To William Orrell, bastard son, and Jane Orrell, bastard daughter of Rauffe Orrell, 20*s.* apiece. To Richard Molyneux and Thomas Molyneux, sons of the said William Molyneux, 5*s.* apiece. To Mary Molyneux, daughter of Richard Molyneux of Haukley, gent., 10*s.* To my loving cosens, Thomas Molyneux of Pem-berton, gent., Richard Haughton of the Kirtlyes, gent., and Richard Woodward of Standish, yeoman, 5*s.* apiece. To my loving cosen Rauf Woodward of Standish, gent., 10*s.* To my loving cosens, Richard Molyneux of Haukley, gent., Rauffe Haughton of the Kirtlyes, gent., William Molyneux and Edward Woodward, executors and supervisors of this my will, "a spure Ryall in golde," in remembrance of my love. And the remainder of the said part of goods shall be equally divided amongst my said five children.

I ordain and make my loving cosens William Molyneux and Edward Woodward, my true and lawful executors, and I make my cosens Richard Molyneux of Hauckley, gent., and Rauffe Houghton of the Kirtlyes, gent., supervisors of this my will.

Witnesses—Richard Molyneux, Rauffe Houghton,
John Winstanley, William Whitfeilde.

M^d. that I Robert Orrell the younger, in consideration that Robert Orrell my father hath given me a messuage, &c., do promise and agree that Ellinor Orrell, widow, shall have the lower chamber on the back of the street door, and liberty to come to the fire in the house during her life.

[A copy of the will on parchment.]

[Proved at Chester 27 Jan., 1622[3], by the executors.]

THE WILL OF WILLIAM TEMPEST OF
WIGAN.¹ 1660.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 12th Nov., 1649, I WILLIAM TEMPEST of Wigan, being sick in body. My body to Christian burial in the parish church of Wigan.

I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved son James Tempest that close of ground with the houses and appurtenances thereto belonging, called by the name of Hannacare, lying near Mab Cross Hey, also that cottage, house, and croft in the Walgate,

¹ William Tempest of Wigan, innkeeper, owned the Eagle Inn as well as a butcher's shop in that town. On 1 May, 1649, he petitioned to compound for his estate as a delinquent, having adhered to a force raised against the Parliament, and was fined £7 14s. (*Royalist Composition Papers* (2), vol. xxxvii. p. 825.) It is almost certain that he was a son of Edward Tempest, who was curate of Upholland in 1609, and a grandson of Arthur Tempest of East Marton, in the West Riding of

now in the occupation of Gilbart Deane, butcher. And as for the Egle Inne which I now live in, with all the ground and tene-
ment housing and building, which I myself have used to occupy, with the new house in the Walgate at the side of the stone well, I also give to my son James Tempest.

“I am ashamed to act a beggers part wheare I am sure I need not, on the other syd my humble Desire is Mr. Hotham will Except of my anciant Rent being x^s iiijd a yeare as he hath fformerly Rec^d it ffor one quarter & noe more now Deare Mr. Hotham had you beene heare I should haue Rec^d a great Deale of comfort both for bodie and soule I hope you wilbe a good landlord to my poore lytle ones I hop Mrs Hotham wilbe a mother to them I hop my hon^{ble} ffrends Sr. John Hotham and his lady, Sir Hugh Bethell, my hon^{ed} ffrend collonel Anlobie, and honest Mr. Duren Hotham I humbly Desire to be prsented to these noble psons.”

Yorkshire, who was a great-great-grandson of William Tempest of Broughton-in-Craven, Esq.

William Tempest of Wigan had four daughters—Ellen, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Anne—and two sons. The younger son Arthur was probably the good vicar of Bracewell, known as “Father Tempest,” who, according to Whitaker (*Hist. Craven*, 3rd edition, p. 103) “spent a long life in the exercise of every duty, public and private, which belonged to his sacred office.”

James Tempest, the elder son of William Tempest of Wigan, was of Clerkenwell Green, London, gent., and married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Bowles, of the same place, knight. James Tempest, by his will, dated 10 June, 1680, devised to his wife Elizabeth his estate at Prescot in Lancashire; he named his brother Arthur, and directed his executrix to pay to his sister Margaret the £100 left to her by her father, William Tempest of Wigan, gent., deceased, then “in the hands of Ralph Browne of Ince, co. Lanc., gent.,” and he left a sum of money to “the poor of Wigan where I was born.” The will was proved at York by his widow, 4 October, 1680.

James Tempest’s elder son, William Tempest, was of Stoke, near Guildford, co. Surrey, Esq.; he died in 1723, and his descendants remained there as gentry for several generations. The male line of this branch of the family appears to have failed on the death of William Tempest’s grandson, William Tempest, who by his will, dated 5 October, 1805, proved in the P.C.C. 13 March, 1808, devised his lands in Alton, co. Southampton, to the children of his late nephew, James Maltwick, the son of his sister, Cornelia Maltwick. (*Information of Mrs. Tempest of Broughton.*)

I give to my younger son Arthur Tempest that house in the Walgate, late called Ante Ellin house, near to the Dyall house, the Wigan layne house, where Peter Lee now lives, and also the Armitage house, with the ground thereto belonging, during my leases. And as for my personal estate, I give to Ellin Tempest, my eldest daughter, £150. To my other three younger daughters, Elizabeth, Margret, and Anne, £100 apiece. To my son Arthur, £100. To my son James, £100. To my sister Elizabeth Waddington, £5. To my brother-in-law James Rigbie and his wife, £5. To my niece Margery Waddington, 50s. To my niece Elizabeth Rigbie, 50s. To Margret Green, 10s. and her wages. To Katherine Capper, 10s. and her wages. To Richard Ashton and his wife, 10s. To Roger Wood and his wife Agnes, 10s. To Mr. Hotham a pair of my best gloves, to Mrs Hotham a pair of the best next to them, and to Mr. Catterall and his wife either a pair of gloves. To my uncle William Baldwine and my cozen James fford, either a pair of gloves. To Robert fforth a pair of good gloves. To old Ellin Casson, 10s. To Isabell Rigbie, Alce Rigbie, Ellin Rigbie, and James Rigbie (children of James Rigbie), 5s. apiece. To Lawrance Rogerson, 5s. To my sister Elizabeth Waddington's children, 20s. apiece, except Margery, to whom I have given 50s. To my brother Thomas Tempest, £10. To my sister Margret Walker's children, £5 amongst them. To Edmund Mullinex a pair of gloves. To Mr. Rauffe Browne, Mr. Lewes Orrell, and Mr. Matthew Markland, every one of them a pair of gloves.

My debts, &c., to be paid out of the whole of my personal estate, and the residue equally divided amongst all my children. To Peter Lee's children, 12d. apiece. I give that estate called the Hill Lee, which I have from Mr. Pinington, to my son James Tempest. To one Elizabeth Goore, an infirm woman living in Oughton, near Ormskirk, who married a smith, 10s.

Witnesses—

[Signed] Wm Baldwyn,
James fforde.

[Proved at Chester 19 Dec., 1660, and administration granted to James Tempest, son of the deceased.]

THE WILL OF WILLIAM STONEHEWER OF BARLYFORD, CO. CHESTER, YEOMAN. 1661.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 18 Oct., 1659. I WILLIAM STONHEWER, of Barlyford, co. Chester, yeoman, being weak in body. My body to the earth.

Item. I give to George Stonhewer my son and Anthonie Booth my son-in-law, either of them 2*s.* in full satisfaction of all their child's part of all my goods, &c. Item to Sara Bagnall and Ellin Bourne, my daughters, either of them £5 in full satisfaction of their child's part. Item to Joseph Stonhewer my son, being my executor, £100, to be put forth at interest by him the 1st May, 1663, for the use and preferment of Jane Stonhewer, daughter of John Stonhewer my son, deceased, and to be paid to her with the interest when 21 years of age, and if she die before she accomplish the said age, I give the said sum to the said Joseph Stonhewer my son or his assigns. After my debts, legacies, hariots, and funeral expences are discharged, the rest of all my goods, &c., I give to my son Joseph Stonhewer and his assigns.

I ordain and make the said Joseph Stonhewer my son sole executor.

By me WILLIAM STONHEWER.

Witnesses—

[Signed] William Dresser,
Thomas Dresser,
Edward Dresser.

[Proved at Chester by the executor, 15 Jan., 1660[1].

INVENTORY taken 12 May, 1660, by Edward Dresser, John Higginbothom, and Hugh ffoden.

Household goods, husbandry ware, &c.						
In the new chamber.						
In the over parlor.						
In the hall.						
In plate, 1 silver cup and 3 silver spoons	-	3 ^{li}	10 ^s			
In the cellar.						
In the chamber over the house.						
In the chamber over the lower staer (?).						
In the lower parlor.						
In the great chamber.						
In the kitchin.						
In the waine-house.						
In the barn.						
In the out-chamber.						
Two hoyfes [hives] of bees	-	-	-			5 ^s
In ready money	-	-	-	-	20 ^{li}	
In debts owing by bond—						
Anthonie Booth the younger	-	-	-		20 ^{li}	
William Lomas	-	-	-	-	12 ^{li}	7 ^s
John Adderley	-	-	-	-	10 ^{li}	12 ^s
Henrie Greaves	-	-	-	-	2 ^{li}	
John Barlow	-	-	-	-	2 ^{li}	
Raph Gardner his rent	-	-	-	-	10 ^{li}	
John Lathom of Pyegreave for rent	-	-	-		8 ^{li}	14 ^s
In bookees one byble and other books	-				10 ^s	
One tenement in the tenure of Henrie Greasues for one year next following				8 ^{li}		
Certain grounds belonging to the Barley- ford for one year	-	-	-	-	10 ^{li}	
Richard Moores by bond	-	-	-	-	10 ^s	
Total	-	-	-	-	247 ^{li}	13 ^s 2 ^d

THE WILL OF LADY ELEANOR BYRON.¹ 1664.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 23 January, 15 Charles II.
 [1663-4]. I LADY ELEANOUR BYRON, widow, late wife of John Lord Byron, Baron of Ratchdale, deceased, being sick in body. My body to the earth decently to be buried.

My debts and funeral expenses to be first paid out of my whole estate. To my servant Honoro £20. To my servant ffrances Harrison £10. To my cossen Penelope Beuerley two of my best gowns, and all the rest of my wearing apparel equally betwixt her and the said ffrances Harrison. All the rest of my goods, plate, jewels, rings, &c., and all sums of money due to me out of His Majesty's Exchequer, to be divided into four equal parts, one part whereof I give to my brother Needham, another part to my sister Leycester, another part to my sister Katherine Needham, and the fourth part to my sister Screuen, Mr Lane, and Thomas Beuerley (my cossen Penns son) equally amongst them three.

Lastly I make my said sister Katherine Needham sole executrix.

BYRON.

Witnesses—

[Armorial seal.]

[Signed] Robert Angell,
 Thom : Jackson.

[Proved at Chester 29 Jan., 1663[4], by the sole executrix.]

[There is also a copy of the will, on parchment, preserved with it.]

¹ Lady Byron was Eleanor, daughter of Robert Needham, Viscount Kilmorey; she was buried at Trinity Church, Chester, 26 Jan., 1663 (*Ormerod*, vol. i. 574). Her first husband was Peter Warburton of Arley, co. Chester, to whom she was married in 1638, and she married secondly, in 1644, as his second wife, John, Lord Byron of Rochdale, K.B., Field-marshal General of the Royal Forces in Worcester, Salop, Chester, and North Wales, and Governor of Chester, who died without issue in 1652.

THE WILL OF SAMUEL HAMER OF HAMER,¹ IN
THE PARISH OF ROCHDALE, CO. LANC.,
YEOMAN. 1667.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 28 Jan., 1666[7.] I SAMUEL HAMER of Hamer in the parish of Ratchdale, co. Lanc., yeoman, being grown aged and infirm in body. My body to the earth.

First, whereas I the said Samuel Hamer did on the 20 Feb., 1659[60], surrender and give up into the hands of the Lord of the Manor of Ratchdale according to the custom of the said Manor, by Abraham Scolfield of Hartley and Otiwell Woolfenden of Healey, two customary tenants of the said Manor, 1 acre, 3 roods, and 20 falls of copyhold or customary land late improved from the common or waste of the said manor called Cronkashawe in Hundersfeild, and 5 acres, 1 rood, and 10 falls late improved from the common of the said Manor at Redleach alias Redmires in Healey in Spotland and Hundersfield, to the use of Abraham Stansfeild of Ratchdale and James Crosley of Kitbooth and their heirs to such uses as I should by my last will in writing appoint.

Now I hereby devise to my son Samuel Hamer and his heirs, all my said lands, to hold to him, his heirs and assigns for ever, upon condition that he or they pay out of the rents, &c., of the said premises to my youngest son Raphe Hamer yearly during his life, 40s. And after my funeral expenses and debts are discharged out of my whole goods, all the rest of my goods, &c. (except my apparel and heirlooms), shall be divided into three equal parts, one part whereof I give to Mary my loving wife.

¹ The Hamers lived at Hamer from the fourteenth century. Samuel Hamer, the testator, was the son of Edmund Hamer of Hamer Hall, yeoman, and was born in 1596. In 1631 he paid composition for refusing knighthood. He acquired the Wildhouse estate by his marriage with one of the daughters of Ralph Butterworth of Wildhouse. (*Information of Lieut.-Col. Fishwick, F.S.A.*)

One other part I devise to Judeth Hamer my youngest daughter, and one other part I devise to Mary my said wife to be disposed by her amongst my children. I give to my said sons Samuel Hamer and Raph Hamer all my apparel. It is my will that two standing bedsteads, one long table, one other table called a counter, one great chest, one garner, and one great trough,¹ being ancient heirlooms, shall remain as heirlooms in my messuage called Hamer aforesaid.

And whereas likewise I the said Samuel Hamer by one Indenture bearing date 9 Jan., 1666[7] did assure and convey all my messuages, tenements, &c., in Hundersfeild aforesaid to Edmund Whitehead of Birchanleigh, and Theophilus Halliwell of Pikehouse in the said parish and county and their heirs as feoffees in trust, to the uses therein expressed, and amongst other uses to raise [out] of the said messuages, &c., £300 towards the preferment of my younger children. Now I hereby devise to my said youngest daughter Judeth Hamer so much of the said £300 as will make the said third part of my goods bequeathed to her, the sum of £300 for her portion, and the residue of the said sum shall be by my executrix distributed amongst such of my children as shall stand in most need thereof. If any of my children marry without the consent of my executrix or shall sue concerning any of their legacies, he or she shall be excluded from having any legacy by this my will.

I hereby nominate Mary Hamer, my loving wife, executrix of this my will.

SAMUELL HAMER.

Witnesses—

[Signed] Robert Crosley.
The : Halliwell.

[Proved at Chester 15 Nov., 1667, by the executrix.]

¹ This stone trough is mentioned in the will of Henry Hamer, great-grandfather of Samuel, the testator, in 1572. (*Information of Lieut.-Col. Fishwick, F.S.A.*)

INVENTORY taken 9 Oct., 1667, by James Docson, Robert Butterworth, John Weldinge, and Robert Crosley.

Imprimis at Wyldhouse.

Farming stock, household goods.

At Hamer Millne. Goods.

At Hamer.

Farming stock, household goods.

In the Corn House.

In the Red Chamber.

In the Buttery Chamber.

In the New Chamber.

In the House Chamber.

In the New Closet.

In the Kitchen Chamber.

In the New Parlour.

In the Closset.

In the Old Parlour.

In the Buttery.

In the Kitchen.

In the Kitchen Chamber.

Clock with all its furniture and case - - - - - 6^s 8^d

Two Muskets, sword, Belt & Banda-leeres 10^s

In the House.

Glasse Case & bookes & leather - - - - - 1^{li} 5^s

His purse & apparel - - - - - 40^{li}

Lastly in Debts of all sorts - - - - - 490^{li}

Total - - - - - 743^{li} 8^s 8^d

THE WILL OF ROBERT CHEWE OF POTTERFORD
IN BILLINGTON, CO. LANC., YEOMAN. 1667.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 20th Sept., 1666. I ROBERT CHEWE of Potterford in Billington, co. Lanc., yeoman. My body to Christian burial.

I give and bequeath the moiety of my messuage and tenement in my possession called Potterford to my welbeloved wife Ann Chewe during her life. And the other half thereof now in the possession of my son Edward Chewe I give to my said son. And after the decease of my said wife I give the said tenement to my said son Edward Chewe and his assigns during the lease thereof made and all my interest therein.

Also I give all my messuages, lands, &c., in Dutton, co. Lanc., to my said wife Ann Chewe and her assigns for ever, so that she may dispose thereof to my children as she shall please. To my said son Edward Chewe all my messuage and tenement called ffoggs in Dynckley in the said county, and to his heirs and assigns for ever, provided that he allow to my said wife Ann Chewe one full third part thereof during her life, and he shall pay to my uncle Lawrence Osbaldeston of Billington aforesaid, yeoman, the yearly rent of £3 during the life of the said Lawrence, and also shall pay equally amongst my said wife Ann Chewe and my three daughters Mary, Ellen, and Elizabeth, £100. To my son Richard Chewe 20s. To my said wife Ann Chewe £100. To my said three daughters Mary Read, Ellen Chew, and Elizabeth Chew £100 apiece, and if my said daughter Marie Read or my daughter Ellen Chew have received any goods or money amounting to above £100, then my will is that my said wife Ann Chewe and my said daughter Elizabeth Chewe shall receive out of my personal estate the like sum or quantity of goods as the said Mary and Ellen have received.

I give to my said wife Ann Chewe my best gold ring and my watch. To my said son Edward Chewe my clock and my

chimes and all my books. To my sister Ann Haworth £10, to be paid by 20s. per annum towards her maintenance in her old age. I give £5 to the poor to be disposed of as I have told my wife. After my debts, legacies, and funeral expenses be paid out of my whole personal estate, my estate of Ridings in Oswaldtwistle in the said county, one close called the Pittbanck in Dynckley aforesaid, and my cottage and grounds with my smithy in Langoe in Billington aforesaid, shall be apprised as part of my personal estate, then my whole personal estate shall be divided into three equal parts, one third part whereof I give to my said loving wife Ann Chewe, and the other two parts equally amongst my three daughters Mary, Ellen, and Elizabeth.

I hereby constitute and make my said wife Ann Chewe sole executrix, and I make my said uncle Lawrence Osbaldeston supervisor.

ROB'TE CHEWE

Witnesses—

64.

[Signed] Edward Chewe

39.

Robert Reade.

John Harwood.

[Proved at Chester 18 May, 1667, by Ann Chewe, the sole executrix.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS ASHTON OF ECCLESTON,
NEAR KNOWSLEY, CO. LANC., GENT. 1669.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 22 May, 1669. I THOMAS ASHTON of Eccleston, near Knowsley, co. Lanc., gent., being sick and weak in body. My body I commit to the earth whereof it was made and to which it must again return, to be decently buried in the Parish Church of Prescot. My will is

that my funeral expences and just debts shall be discharged out of my personal estate (in case the same shall so far extend), and the remainder (if any such happen to be) shall be equally divided amongst my sons and daughters Henry, Richard, Thomas, Jane, and Hannah Ashton. And if my said personal estate shall not extend to satisfy my said debts, &c., then the remainder of my debts, &c., shall be paid out of the profits, &c., of a certain messuage called Brandearth House in Eccleston, with the appurtenances, and out of the issues and profits of one other messuage in Eccleston aforesaid called Barrowfield House, according to the tenor of a certain proviso contained in one deed or indenture of feoffment dated the 2 June 15 Charles [1639] and made between me the said Thomas Ashton on the one part and Thomas Cubban of Cawsey Bridges in the said county, yeoman, and Thomas Watts the younger of Appleton in the said county, yeoman, deceased, on the other part, wherein and whereby it is provided that if I the said Thomas Ashton should die indebted to Richard Cubban and Margaret Cubban, in any sums of money more than my personal estate shall extend to satisfy (after my funeral expences are discharged), then the said feoffees Thomas Cubban and Thomas Watts and their heirs shall be seised of the moiety of the said Barrowfield House from the day of my decease, and also of the said Brandearth House, &c., from the day of the decease of Issabell Stanystreet (late mother of me the said Thomas Ashton), now deceased, until the said feoffees shall have raised such sums of money as are mentioned in the said deed of feoffment. I the said Thomas Ashton do therefore charge the said premises with the payment of the remainder of my debts as aforesaid. And whereas I the said Thomas Ashton have by the said deed of feoffment reserved to myself power by my last will in writing to charge the said Brandearth House and the lands thereto belonging with the payment of any sums of money after the death of the said Issabell Stanystreet to the younger children of me the said Thomas Ashton by Jane my now wife. Now I the said Thomas Ashton in pursuance of the same deed and

proviso charge the said Brandearth House and all the lands, &c., thereto belonging, with the payment of £200 amongst Richard, Thomas, Jane, and Hannah Ashton, younger children of me the said Thomas Ashton by Jane my now wife begotten, in manner hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, £20 thereof to my said son Richard Ashton, £40 to my said son Thomas Ashton, £70 to my daughter Jane Ashton, and £70 residue thereof to my daughter Hannah Ashton. And upon default of payment of the said £200, and after my youngest child shall have accomplished the age of 18 years, and the remainder of my debts are discharged (in case the said Jane my now wife shall be a widow in my name, but if married again or the relict of any other husband, then after the decease of the said Jane) the said feoffees shall stand seised of the said Brandearth House, &c., to the use of my said younger children, until my said feoffees shall have raised the said £200 with £4 per annum interest, from the end of one year after my decease, until the distribution of the said £200. And of this my last will I constitute and appoint the said Jane my wife and Richard Ashton my son executors, and Richard Roughley the younger, of Windle in the same county, yeoman, overseer.

THOMAS ASHTON.

Sealed, &c., in the presence of

John Arrowsmith, James Travers, Ric. Roughley.

[Proved at Chester by the executors, 23 June, 1669.]

THE WILL¹ OF GEORGE MAINWARING OF CHORLTON, CO. CHESTER, CLERK.² 1670.

IN the name of God, Amen, this 21st August, 1669. I GEORGE MAINWARING of Chorlton, co. Chester, clerk, being weak in body. My body to be decently interred.

First I give and bequeath to my eldest son George Mainwaring all my lands and tenements in Chorlton, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. And for default of such issue to my younger son Joseph Mainwaring and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. And for default of such issue to my right heirs for ever.

If my said son George Mainwaring shall dispose of himself in marriage without the knowledge and approbation of my executors, they my said executors shall before they suffer the said George to enjoy the said lands, &c., raise the sum of £200 to be disposed of at their discretion. All my debts shall be forthwith paid.

My will is that the several yearly rent charges settled by Deed of Indenture on my son Joseph be duly paid for his encouragement in learning. I give all my books, with the trunks wherein they are, and all my written sermons and notes to my son Joseph, except three score English books which I give to my son George, together with Thomas Thomasin's Dictionary and Scapula's Greek Lexicon. To my son Joseph all sufficient and convenient furniture for a chamber.

All the residue of my goods and personal estate, my funeral expenses being defrayed, I give to my son George. I nominate and appoint my loving friend and kinsman Thomas Bulkley of

¹ This is an autograph will.

² A native of Wrenbury and a member of the University of Cambridge, chaplain to Sir Henry Delves, afterwards rector of Baddeley and chaplain to Sir Thomas Mainwaring. He was ejected from the living of Malpas at the Restoration. (*Ormerod*, vol. ii. p. 610.)

Stanilow, co. Stafford, gent., and my loving friend William Jenings of Iscoyd, co. Flint, gent., joint executors, and I give to each of them 20*s.* to buy a ring.

Signed GEORGE MAINWARING.
[Armorial seal.]

Sealed, &c., in the presence of

[Signed] Philip Henry.

Edward ^{HIS} O Crump.
MARK.

George Mainwaring.

[Proved at Chester 19 March, 1669[70], by the executors.]

In the Inventory of his effects the following items appear.

Item in Books - - - - -	20 <i>li</i>
Item one gown and petticoat - - -	1 <i>li</i> 5 <i>s</i>
His watch and wearing apparel - -	4 <i>li</i> 10 <i>s</i>

The total of the Inventory was 50*li* 14*s*

THE WILL OF SIR THOMAS BUNBURY OF
STANNEY, BARONET.¹ 1682.

“19 AUG., 1682. Thomas Bunbury of Stanney, Barrt. To be interred in the side Chancell in Stoake Church wherein my wife and daughter usually sate, my head to be layd as neere as possibly may be to the Wall on the west side of the same and in such decent manner as my Executrix hereafter named shall thinke meet and convenient.”

¹ Created a baronet by Charles II. Married, first, Sarah, daughter of Sir John Chetwode of Oakley, co. Stafford, who died 1671; and, secondly, Mary, daughter of Humphrey Kelsall of Heathside, co. Chester.

Persons mentioned :—

Daughter Green.¹

Son-in-law Richard Green, Esq. (deceased)

Son-in-law's late brother Henry Greene, gent. (deceased)

Daughters Mary Bunbury, spinster.

Priscilla Bunbury,
and
Lucy Bunbury, } under 17 years of age.

Brothers Henry Bunbury
and
Joseph Bunbury, } gents.

Sisters Mrs Susannah Cowley² and Mrs Ursula Morgan.³

Son and heir apparent Henry Bunbury, Esq.⁴

Sister Mrs Abigail Legh, widow.⁵

Cousin Thomas Birkenhead the elder, of the City of Chester,
gent.

Cousin Mrs Mary Haughton, widow.

Bequests to :—

Mr William Cooke, lately inhabiting at my Aunt Bulkeley's
house.

Mr Berry, formerly Minister of Bolas [co. Salop].

Robert Southerne of Backford, weaver.

Mr Woods. Mr Campian. Mr Cowop.

Mr Samuel Bruen. Mrs ffaith Slater, widow.

Mr Ralph Hall, lately dwelling in Crook's Lane in Chester.

Mr Leigh, heretofore preacher at Stoake.

Mr Cottrell, now preacher there.

Nephew Charles Bunbury, gent.

¹ Ursula, wife of Richard Green of Poulton; married at Stoke 10 Aug., 1669. (*Ormerod*, vol. ii. p. 396.)

² Susannah married, first, Robert Davies of Ashton, co. Chester; and, secondly, William Cowley of Doddleston, co. Chester. (*Ormerod*.)

³ Ursula, wife of Edward Morgan of Golden Grove, co. Flint, died 1709. (*Ormerod*.)

⁴ Afterwards second baronet, died 1687, leaving issue.

⁵ Abigail, daughter of John Chetwode, Esq., second wife of Piers Legh of Bruche, Esq.

The testator also mentions "the Schoolehouse lately erected at Stanney."

My wife Dame Mary Bunbury to be sole executrix.

[Signed] THO: BUNBURY.
[Seal of arms.]¹

Witnesses—

Joseph Bunbury. Daniell Large.
Tho: Birkenhed, jun^r. Samuell ffilkin.

[Proved at Chester by Domina Maria Bunbury, the executrix, 18 October, 1682.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS BRIDGE, CLERK, RECTOR
OF MALPAS.² 1682.

IN the name of God, Amen. I THOMAS BRIDGE of Malpas, co. Chester, clerk. My body to Christian burial to be buried in the Chancel of the parish church of Malpas. I give, bequeath, and devise to my grandson Thomas Bridge, the eldest son of my son Thomas, deceased, all that messuage, tenement, and lands in Tybroughton and Iscoid, commonly called The Brunet, all which I bought of Thomas Eddowe, gent., deceased, and also all those meadows, pastures, and parcels of land commonly called the Wicklands, which I bought of Richard Hilton, clerk, and Hugh Burrowes, lying in Iscoid aforesaid, all which premises are in the tenure of one Thomas Lloid, and also all

¹ Quarterly—1st, on a bend three chess-rooks; 2nd, a fesse between three birds; 3rd, on a bend engrailed between two cinquefoils three leopards' faces, a mullet for difference [Aldersey]; 4th, on a chief three trefoils (?), a crescent for difference.

² Instituted 21 Feb., 1624, on the presentation of William Brereton; dispossessed on the appointment of George Mainwaring (page 38, *ante*), and restored in 1660. Died 1682, aged 82. He was also vicar of St. John's, Chester. (*Ormerod*, vol. ii. pp. 608-610.)

that messuage, tenement, and lands in Overton, co. Flint, in the holding of one John Smith, junior, which I bought of Richard Egerton, Esq., deceased. To have and to hold to the said Thomas Bridge my grandson and the heirs male of his body, and for want of such issue to the right heirs of my said grandson for ever, he and his heirs paying the sum of £400 in manner following, that is to say, £200 to Mary my granddaughter, the second daughter of my son Thomas, deceased, and £200 to Margaret, the third daughter of my said son Thomas, deceased.

I give to my said grandson Thomas Bridge and his heirs for ever, All that messuage and tenement which I lately bought of Thomas Vpton, gent., in the Chly [Llay?] in the said county of Flint, upon trust, that he and his heirs shall yearly for ever pay to the churchwardens or overseers of the poor of the township of Holcome in the parish of Bury, co. Lanc., the sum of £10, to the use of two poor persons, by £5 apiece, at their discretion and with the oversight of the Minister of the parish church of Bury and the minister of the Chapel of Holcome. I give to my grandson Richard Bridge the younger son of my son Thomas, deceased, all that messuage, tenement, and lands in Tybroughton, co. Flint, in the possession of Randle Phillips, all which I leased of Sir John Hanmer or one William Barker, Esq., to hold during my lease, he the said Richard permitting his two sisters Mary and Margaret, the daughters of my said son Thomas, deceased, to receive all the issues thereof during the term of six years equally between them, and also suffering the child or children of his sister Elen, now the wife of Richard Eddowe to receive one moiety of the issues of the said messuage, &c., during the seventh year after my decease, being the sum of £25.

I give the sum of £200 owing to me by Mr Lutwick [Leftwick?] Oldfeild and Mr Birch for the discharging of my debts. Also whereas there is £150 more owing to me by the said Mr Oldfeild and Mr Birch, my will is and I give the same when due to the three eldest daughters of my son Robert equally amongst them, which

with £150 I have formerly given to my said son Robert, and what I have done other ways for him I take to be his full portion, but if he shall hereafter trouble my executors, I give the said £150 to my said grandson Richard Bridge and to my executors equally amongst them.

I appoint my said grandson Thomas Bridge, the eldest son of my said son Thomas, and Mary, the second daughter of my said son Thomas, executors of this my will.

Dated 20 Sept., 1682.

THOMAS BRIDGE.

[Armorial seal.]

Sealed, &c., in the presence of

[Signed] Sam: Green.

Witt Morrey.

Rich. Hilton.

[Proved at Chester by Thomas Bridge, one of the executors, 14 Oct., 1682, and by Mary Bridge, the executrix, 30 Oct., 1682.]

THE WILL OF JONATHAN WOLFENDEN OF
BUERDSALL IN CASTLETON, CO. LANC.,
YEOMAN.¹ 1689.

“**I**N the name of God, Amen. I JONATHAN WOLFENDEN of Buerdsall in Castleton in the County of Lancaster, yeoman. Beinge Aged and Infirme of Body, But of good sound and perfect minde and Memorye (Praised bee Almighty God for the same) Doe make and Ordaine this my present last Will and

¹ Jonathan Wolfenden was the son of Abraham Wolfenden of Milnrow, and was baptised at Rochdale 20 August, 1615. He married first Mary Oldham, and secondly a wife named Esther. By his first wife he had issue a son, James Wolfenden, of Emanuel College, Cambridge, D.D., vicar of Stanground in the diocese of Ely, who died without issue in 1684, and a daughter, Mary, who was the wife of James Dawson of Turnough, Rochdale. (*Information of Lieut.-Col. Fishwick, F.S.A.*)

Testament in writeinge in manner and forme followinge (That it [sic] to say) ffirſt and principally I Comende my Soule into the hands of Almighty God, hopeinge through the Mercy, Death and Passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ, to have full and free pardon and forgiuenesse of all my sins and to Inherit everlastinge Life And my Body I comitt to the Earth to bee decently buried at the discretion of my Executor and Overseer hereafter named. And as touchinge the disposiſon of all such Temporall Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow vpon me, I give and dispose thereof As followeth, ffirſt It is my will and minde That all such debts as I shall Owe at the time of my decease vnto any person or persons of right or conscience shall bee discharged and paid And alsoe my funerall expences and the Charges of the Probate of this my Last Will.

Item, I give vnto Esther my now loveinge wife £15, which with what she hath already received Compleates £100 she has had & will have received. Item, vnto my Daughter Mary Dawson the wife of James Dawson of Turnoagh yeoman £20 to her own sole proper vſe wherewith her husband shall not Intermedle and her owne discharge for the same shall bee a ſufficient discharge to my Executor. Item, vnto my ſaid Daughter Maryes three children John, Jonathan, and Jane, each of them £10. Item, vnto my Brother James Wolfenden of Millnerowe £10, which I order ſhall be paid him by my Executor as hee ſhall ſee his necessities may best require it. Item, vnto my brother Isaace Wolfenden of Millnerowe aforesaid £10, which I order to bee paid as before to my Brother James. Item, I give to Jane Wolfenden, daughter of Abraham Wolfenden, ſon of the ſaid Isaace Wolfenden, 40s. Item, vnto Abraham Wolfenden, ſonne of the ſaid James Wolfenden, 20s. Item, to James Wolfenden, another ſonne of the ſaid James my Brother, 40s., and to Anne Wolfenden, daughter of my ſaid Brother James, £5. Item, vnto Jonathan Wolfenden, ſon of my brother Isaace Wolfenden, £10. Item, vnto James the ſonne of James Sutcliffe of Butterworth Hall and to Jane Sutcliffe his Daughter,

40s. apeece. Item, vnto my good friend Raphe Webb the Parish Clerke of Ratchdale, 20s. And to my kinsman Richard Kenion of Ratchdale, mercer, £5. And I appointe the said Richard Kenyon to bee sole Executor of this my will. And I order that hee shall bee well payd for his paines and trouble he shall have or be put to in the Execucon of this my will or in any thinge relateing therenvto. Item, I give £4 to the poore people of and within the Parish of Ratchdale to bee disposed to them As my Executor shall thinke fittinge. And I desire my sonne in Lawe the said James Dawson to be Overseer of this my Will, And I give him the said James Dawson £5.

And as concerninge my Lands of Inheritance in Buerdsall where I now live, It is my will And I doe dispose thereof as followeth, ffirst vnto Esther my said loveinge wife for soe longe time as shee shall live and keepe herselfe sole my widow, but if shee hapen to Marry another husband after my decease then this terme and estate to cease. And from & after the death of the said Esther or other determinacon as aforesaid, Then I give, devise and bequeath the same Lands of Inheritance to Jonathan Dawson (son of the said James Dawson my son in Lawe) and to his heires and assignes for ever. And for all the Residue of my personall Estate I give and bequeath vnto Esther my said loveinge wife and the said Mary Dawson my daughter Equally to be devided betwixt them. And I doe hereby revoke all former wills.

As witnesse my hand and seale this Thirtyeth day of October Anno Dñi 1686 Annoq RR^s Jacobi s̄di Anglie, &c., secundo.

JONATHAN WOLFENDEN.

His marke.

Witnesses—

[Signed] “ John Butterworth, Juner, of turfhill.
Abell Butterworth.
Jeremy Hargreaues.”

[Proved at Chester 21 March, 1688[9] by the sole executor.]

INVENTORY taken 1st Nov., 1688, by William Hill of Newbald and John Butterworth of Turfhill.

Cows, household goods, &c.

In the Barn.

In the Chamber over the Buttery.

In the Chamber over the House.

In the Parlor.

In the Buttery.

In the Kitchen.

In the House.

In Debts upon bond.

John Haslam	-	-	-	-	-	-	100 <i>li</i>
Mary Whitehead, widow	-	-	-	-	-	-	35 <i>li</i>
John Tilson	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 <i>li</i>
Robert Pedley	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 <i>li</i>
Jonathan Woolfenden	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 <i>li</i>
A Bill for	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 <i>s</i>
Edmund Wrigley	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 <i>li</i>
Bryan Adkin	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 <i>li</i>

Debts without specialty.

Jonathan Woolfenden	-	-	-	-	-	-	11 <i>li</i>
John Butterworth of Turfhill	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 <i>li</i>
John Shore	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 <i>li</i>
Robert Whittworth	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 <i>s</i>
John Whittaker	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 <i>s</i>
James Collinge	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 <i>s</i>
The wife of Richard Sympson	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 <i>s</i> 6 <i>d</i>

[The above are the whole of the debts.]

Total of Inventory - - - 293*li* 17*s* 1*d*

THE WILL OF ELLEN BUXTON¹ OF MANCHESTER,
SPINSTER. 1692.

IN the name of God, Amen, the 27 April, 1690. I ELLEN BUXTON of Manchester, co. Lanc., spinster. My body I commit to the earth from whence it came, to be buried in such decent and Christian manner as to my executrix hereafter named shall be thought meet and convenient. My debts shall be discharged out of my whole goods. And after my debts, funeral expences, &c., are paid, I bequeath to my loving mother the one half of the remainder of that money which was left me by my father's last will, and the other half I give to my four sisters, Mary Warbutton, Esther Buxton, Martha Buxton, and Rachel Buxton equally amongst them.

I give to "my loving mother my Worked Bed, my Child bed lynnен, and all other lynnен she formerly gave me, my two bearing clothes, the sweet bags, and the great glass, my black mantue, my petticoat with the silver fringes upon it, my quilted petticoat, my black laced hood, my spotted hood, my black laced scarfe, my fither tippit, my best sute of blacktop Knots, one pair of fine holland sleves, two large Cambrick handkerchiefs, one muslane sute, two pair of silk stockings, three shifts, one pair of Dow skin gloves, and the remainder of my Flanders

¹ Ellen Buxton, who was baptised at Manchester 27 Dec., 1665, was a daughter of Michael Buckstones, or Buxton, of Manchester, woollen draper, who died in December, 1674. Michael Buxton was Constable of Manchester in 1645 and 1654, Borough-reeve in 1651, and an elder of the Manchester Classis. (*Palatine Note Book*, vol. i. pp. 103, 171.) He was a Royalist, and one of the twenty-five "of the better sort of townsmen of Manchester" who, 15 July, 1642, drew up a protest against the disturbance of the banquet which was given on the afternoon of that day to Lord Strange "by near twenty of the chief men & officers there," including the Borough-reeve and Constable. (*Civil War Tracts*, p. 34.) This was the first manifestation of Royalism in the town, and was the occasion when Richard Percival, linen-webster, of Kirkmanshulme, was killed. Yet Buxton and others were parties to the bond with Rosworm to keep Lord Strange out of the town! (*Palatine Note Book*.)

lace cornet, besides what I give for Cravats, my Flanders lace pinner, and two plain muslane night railes."

I give to "my sister Mary Warbutton my spotted gowne lyned with black, my best stays, my best satin petticoat, my striped muslane petticoat, my black alamode hood, my black birdeye hood, my loope lace tippit, my Flanders lace ruffels, my narrow black sute of top knots, one pair of fine holland sleves, two large Cambrick handkerchiefs, one muslane sute or shift, two pair of white gloves, one Callecoe night raile, one laced coufe, one pair of little half sleves laced, my best mask, my best black apron, and my silver girdle."

I give to "my sister Esther Buxton¹ my green gowne, my Bangale gowne and petticoat, my spotted silk petticoat, one pair of fine holland sleves, two large Cambrick handkerchiefs." I give to "my sister Martha Buxton my silver podinger." I give to "my sister Rachael Buxton my red mantue, my striped muslane petticoat, my blew top knots, my black fryzenoor hood, one pair of holland sleves, two cambrick handkerchiefs and my plain long scarfe." I give to "my sister Wood my silver spoone."

To "my Cozen Elizabeth Ryland² and Cozen Sarah Ryland² my sute of Green top knots, my white knot, my Cercenett Cornet, and one sute of Gauses." All the remainder of my gauses I give to my sister Mary Warbutton, my sister Esther Buxton, and my sister Rachel Buxton, to be by my mother equally divided amongst them. To my brother Buxton one half of my Flanders lace cornet for a cravat. To my brother Drinkwater my stone ring. To John Mellor my hair ring.

¹ Baptised at Manchester, 17 April, 1667.

² Daughters of John Rylands, or Ryland, of Manchester, grocer, who struck copper tokens in 1666 and 1667, by Martha, daughter of Henry Wrigley, of Chamber Hall, Oldham. Sarah was married in February, 1691-2, to Richard Allen of Redivalls; another sister, Mary, in 1667, to Francis Valentine, son of John Valentine, of Bentcliffe; and a third sister, perhaps Elizabeth, to Mr. Bootle. The testatrix calls Elizabeth and Mary Ryland her cousins because her father had married for his first wife, 31 December, 1638, Mary, daughter of Francis Rylands of Manchester, sister of John named above, and also of the Rev. Samuel Ryland, of Brasenose College, Oxford, whose curious will is printed in *Local Gleanings*, No. 594.

To "my little Cozen Abigall Warbutton my pass belonging to my Flanders lace sute to be her a pinner, my striped muslane night raile to be her a sute, and my new Cercinett to be her a hood." To John Warbutton and Thomas Warbutton one breadth of "my florished muslane for Cravatts." To Michael Warbutton another breadth of "my florished muslane for Cravatts, and my silver Codlecup."

To "Mary Hamer my gowne that I vsually weare every day, my shagged petticoat, my stuff petticoat with two laces on it, my hand tup laced pinner, my woosted stockings, and all my shoes." To James Low one breadth of plain muslane for cravats. To Mary Binns 3s. "I leave a Guinea to buy Gloves to be given the young maidens that carry me to my grave." To my brother in law Benjamin Warbutton "the other half of my Flanders lace Cornett to be him a Cravatt."

I constitute and appoint my dear and welbeloved mother Abigall Drinkwater my sole executrix of this my will, to whom I bequeath the remainder of my goods.

ELLEN BUXTON.

Witnesses—

Martha Ryland.

Mary Poole.

Ellin Poole.

[Proved at Chester (*infra* "Wills") before Richard Wroe, Surrogate, the 27 Feb., 1691[2], by the executrix.]

INVENTORY of the goods, &c., of Ellen Buxton, late of Manchester, deceased.

"A True and perfect Inventory of all the Goods of Ellen Buxton, late of Manchester, deceased, prised May the Seventeenth, 1690, By Robert Prestwich & John Mellor as vndr.

Imprimis one work'd bed hilling with lyneing	02	00	00				
Item 2 bearing clothes	-	-	-	00	10	00	
Item one glass	-	-	-	-	00	05	00

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Item 2 sweet bags	-	-	-	-	-	00	05	00
Item in Linnen	-	-	-	-	-	01	00	00
Item one litle Silver Codlecup	-	-	-	-	-	01	00	00
Item one Silver podinger	-	-	-	-	-	00	15	00
Item one Silver Spoone	-	-	-	-	-	00	05	00
Item two Rings	-	-	-	-	-	00	10	00
Item in Bookes	-	-	-	-	-	00	02	00
Item her purse & money in it	-	-	-	-	-	01	04	06
Item her Apparrell & all things therenvnto be- longing	-	-	-	-	-	15	00	00
Item in other smale things	-	-	-	-	-	00	05	00
totall is	-	-				23 ^{li}	01 ^s	6 ^d

Exhibited 27 Feb., 1691[2].

THE WILL OF MARY HEYWOOD OF MACCLES-
FIELD, SPINSTER. 1693.

I MARY HEYWOOD, of the Borough of Macclesfield, spinster. I appoint my Executors to pay to the Churchwardens and overseers of the poor for the time being of the town of Stockport £20, to be by them disposed in such manner as John Warren of Poynton, co. Chester, Esq., and S^r John Ardern of Harden, co. Chester, knight, and the Rector for the time being shall advise, so as the yearly interest is distributed every Christmas day for ever among the most indigent poor of the said town and parish. Item, I appoint my Executors to pay to the church or chapel wardens and overseers of the Poor of the town of Ashton, co. Lanc., £15, and to the church or chapel wardens and overseers of the poor for the time being of the town of Duckenfeild, co. Chester, £5, to be disposed in such manner as S^r Robert Duckenfeild of Duckenfeild, co. Chester, Bart., and my cosen Emanuel Smith of

Tanton, co. Lanc., gentleman, and the ministers of the respective towns shall appoint, the yearly interest to be distributed on Christmas day to the most indigent poor of the said parish. Also I appoint my Executors to pay to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the town of Leek, co. Stafford, £10, to be disposed in such manner as Cantrell of Leeke, gentleman, and Joshua Pott of ffairburroughs, co. Stafford, gentleman, and the minister of the said parish church of Leek shall direct. To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borrough of Macclesfeild where I dwell £5, to be disposed as before. To Anne, my cosen Stanleys servant maid, Thomas Breech, and Ellin Dickinson, all of Macclesfield, and to Mary Low of Adlington the sum of 40^s yearly to be equally divided between them during their lives to be paid the eve of Christmas day by Alderman Thornley and Richard Philips, both of Macclesfeild, and I charge the house in Macclesfeild wherein I now dwell with the said payment. To the said John Warren, Sir John Arderne, Sir Robert Dukensefeld, my cosen Emanuel Smith and Cantrell each one guinea and to the said Joshua Pott and the minister of Leek, Alderman Thorley [sic] and Richard Phillips, 20^s each. To my nephew Thomas Heywood of Macclesfield and his heirs for ever all that messuage and dwelling house in Chestergate Street in Macclesfield, together with all deeds touching the same and all ancient heirlooms in the said house at the time of my death. To all the daughters of my kinsman William Ridgway of Stockport £100 amongst them. To my cosen Mary Herod of Stockport 30^s. To my cosen Heywood's children of Duckenfeild that were by his latter wife, 20^s each to be paid them out of John Broadhurst's bond. To Frances Baxter's youngest daughter £2 to be paid out of Ralph Hulm's bond. Item, I bequeath a Bond of £10 to John Harrison of Chester for his children giving his wife's Aunt 6^s a year for 6 years if she be living. To my cosen Mary Steel £5. To my cosen Katherine Thornicroft £10. To my cosen Stanley a Beer Cup and wine cup of Silver. To cosen Rowe's wife my best

Pasty plate. To my cosen John Watson's widow two silver spoons. To M^{rs} Houghton a wine cup of silver and to her daughter a Pasty plate. To Elizabeth Kent two silver spoons. To M^{rs} Howley my best silk apron that is black and a black silk hood and a wine cup. Item to Amie Breech her bond. To my cosen Mary Clowes one beer cup of silver. To M^{rs} Anne Davy my best silk gown. To cosen Rows maids living with her when she died each a pair of gloves. To John Sonmers son and daughter each a suit of my worst clothes. To Mary winter £3 that her mother owes me. To my cosen Mary Green a 20^s piece of gold and a gold ring and my old coloured Sattin gown. To Mary Upton, 10^s. To Jasper Hooley the younger, £3. To Katherine Hooley a round table in the kitchen. To Jasper Hooley the elder, £1. To Alderman Slack, £2. To John Mottershead's daughter a silver spoon. To Alderman Low, 10^s. To M^r Toby Parnell, 5^s. To James Andrew, 5^s, and his wife 5^s. To cosen Thomas Heywood and cosen Thomas Harrop, £10 betwixt them. To Hugh Day of Hurdsfield the money he owes me. To my cosen Mary Smith of Taunton a gold ring. To my niece Mary Ridgway, £20. To my three godsons, John Walker, John Andrew, and George Bancroft, son to Alderman Bancroft, each of them half a crown. To two of the youngest sons of my nephew Robert Heywood £20 to put them apprentice as their aunt Hanna Heywood shall advise. To my cosen Thomas Heywood the Elder, silk twister, for his life, the house wherein John Cumberbach dwells at the Waters. I bequeath all my messuages, &c., in the Waters in Macclesfield to the second son of my nephew Robert Heywood and his heirs for ever, upon trust, that during my nephew Robert Heywood's life his sister Hanna shall be permitted to recieve the rents and profits thereof, and to dispose of the same amongst them the said Robert, his wife, and children. To the daughters of my nephew Robert Heywood £100 amongst them, and the interest is to be preserved for them by their Aunt Hanna, and their father is not to intermeddle therewith. The said £100 is to be paid by

my cozen Clow's Bond, and what other money my said cosen William Clowes the younger owes me at the time of my death I do give it to him. To my cosen Edward Thornicroft of Macclesfield, Esq., £5, and make him overseer of this my will, and to M^{rs} Thornicroft his wife a silver dish. After my debts and funeral expenses are paid the rest and residue of my monies and securities to my dear neeces Hanna Heywood and Martha Day and to my god-daughter Mary Clows, daughter of my cosen Clowes of Bollington, to whom I am nearly related, and to my god-daughter Mary Hooley, daughter [*sic*] of the aforesaid Jasper Howley the younger, to be equally divided between them. And the residue of my personal estate to my nieces Martha and Hanna to be divided between them, they giving to their brother Thomas Heywood two pair of sheets. To William Bradley my tenant his bond, and Thomas Hay one of his 40^s bonds, and Prudence Birtles one of her 40^s bonds, and I appoint my cosens and loving friends William Clowes of Bollington aforesaid, gentleman, John Corker of Hurdsfield, gentleman, and Jasper Howley the elder of One House, my executors.

Dated 15 April, 1690.

MARY HEYWOOD.
[Good armorial seal.]

[Proved at Chester 3 Oct., 1693.]

CODICILS TO THE WILL OF MARY HEYWOOD OF MACCLESFIELD, SPINSTER.

To Thomas Henshawe, £2 of his bond. To William Leeke of his bond, £7 10s. To Edward Alcocke of his bond, £3. To Robert Alcocke of his bond, £3. To Thomas Bollington of his bond, £5. To William Barlowe of his bond, £8. To Henry Hough of his bond, £5. To William Needham of his bond, £10. To Mary Shrigley, her bond. To John Hooley of his bond, 10s. To John Owen, his bond. To Alderman Blagge, £10 of his bond. To M^r Corker of his bond, £10. To William Bancroft

of his ffather's bonds, 10s. To Hugh Horderne of his bond, £5. To James Heys of his bond, £10. To Thomas Swindells and Lomas of their bonds, £10. To Ralph Wood of his bond, £10. To Robert Heald of his bond, £8. To Samuel Blackshawe of his bond, £10. To Ralph Hollinshead of his bond, £5. To William Chantlor of his bond, £6. To Thomas Mottershead of Nether Alderley of his bond, £4. To John Heywood of his bond, £5. To John Ward, his bond. To Roger Ouldfeld of his bond, £4. To Richard Davemport of his bond, £4. To Alice Judson of her bond, £2. To John Mottershead of his bond, £4. To Samuel Geslinge of his bond, £4. To Edward Blagge of his bond, £3. To Samuel Orme of his bond, £1. To John ffallowes of his bond, £5. To John Cooper of his bond, £1. To John Olliver of his bond, £4. To Humphrey Crowther of his bond, £2. To John Slater of his bond, £3. To John Eccles of his bond, £3. To Arnold Deane of his bond, £2. To Robert Armett of his bond, £1. To Samuel Thornicroft of his bond, £2. To Mr Rathbone of his bond, £3. To Mr Brodhurst of his bond, £5. To Mrs Wood of her bond, £5. To Thomas Peers of his bond, 10s. To John Johnson of Sutton of his bond, £4. To John Chantlor of his bond, £2. To Thomas Lathom, his bond. To Cosen William Clowes wife, the disposal of my wearing apparel. To Mr Vodrell, 10s. of his bond. To Thomas Heywood my nephew, his 50s. bond. To Roger Ouldfeld, £4 of his bond. I devise that my cosen Stanley and Charles Yardwood shall dispose of £25 which is in my coffer in my closet for the benefit of the poor fatherless children.

Dated 29 June, 1691.

MARY HEYWOOD.

Witnesses—

Anne Thornycroft.

Esther Eckersall.

Elizabeth Lowndes.

Whereas I have in my will bequeathed the sum of £2 out of

the rent of my house in Chestergate to be paid to 3 poor people,
It is my will that the sum of £3 a year shall be paid.

Dated 28 Dec., 1691.

MARY HEYWOOD.

Witnesses—

Catherine Thornycroft.

Hannah Howley.

Tho: Heywood.

28 April, 1693. I devise to my god-daughter Mary Hooley (daughter of my niece Hannah Howley) all such moneys, except a tenth part thereof, as are owing to me by my cosen Edward Thornycroft, Cosen Corker of Hurdsfeild, and Alderman Johnson of Macclesfield, when she come of age or be married. To my nephew Robert Heywood's youngest son £50, and I charge the same on the house in Chestergate. To Prudence Hollinshead and Thomas Hey 40s. apiece, and to all my tenants one full year's rent.

MARY HEYWOOD.

INVENTORY of the goods, chattles, bills, &c., of Mary Heywood, late of Macclesfield, spinster, taken 7 Oct., 1697.

Debts upon bonds and other securities out of which is given in Legacyes	1000 <i>li</i>	-	1688 <i>li</i>	10	0
And in desperate debts upon bonds out of which is given in legacy	15 <i>li</i>	-	-	650	01 6
Over and above, not before therein included one Bond from Jasper Howley, junior, which was allowed by the executors to him the said Jasper Howley, junior, for the said M ^{rs} Heywood's Dyett, lodging and attendance for two years and up- wards	-	-	-	50	0 0
Total	-	-	-	£2763 <i>li</i>	10 6

Appraisers—Joseph Radditch.
Robert Shrigley.

Exhibited 27 Oct., 1697.

THE WILL OF SIR THOMAS GROSVENOR OF
EATON. 1700.

(*Lyme Deeds, Box S., I. No. 26.*)

IN the Name of God, Amen, 12 June, 1700. I SIR THOMAS GROSVENOR of Eaton in the Co. of Chester, Baronett,¹ being weake of body but of sound mind & memory (thanks be to God for the same), & considering my mortality, do make & ordaine my last Will & Testament in manner & forme following, hereby revoking all former Wills by me formerly made. First I resigne my soul unto Almighty God my Creator, hoping for salvation through the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour. I do appoint that my body shall be decently buried by my Execōrs in the Vault belonging to me in the Parish Church of Eccleston in the said Co. Chester. And I leave it as a charge to my said Execōrs & it is my direct mind & Will that I be buried in the night And accompanied to the Grave only by my owne Servants, & that no mourning be given at my funeralls. And my Will is that all such debts and Sums of money as I shall owe at the time of my Death, together with my funeral expenses, shall be paid out of my personall Estate. I leave the sole tuition & Guardianship as well of my three Childre now liveing as of such Child or Children as shall hereafter be borne, or of which my Wife² is

¹ Third baronet, Mayor of Chester, 1685, M.P. for many years; died 1700, aged 44. Son of Roger Grosvenor, who was nominated a knight of the proposed order of the Royal Oak, and was killed in a duel, 1661.

² Mary, daughter and heiress of Alexander Davis of Ebury, co. Middlesex. She was married 1676, and died 12 Jan., 1729-30.

now ensient, & of theire Estates to Sr Richard Middleton of Chirke Castle in the Co. Denbigh, Bartt., Thomas Cholmondeley & Francis Cholmondeley of Vale Royall in the said Co. Chester, Esquires, & the Survivors or Survivor of them, & if they all three happen to depart this Life before my Eldest Sone¹ shall or may attain the age of One & Twenty Years (till which time I intend my said Friends shall have the tuition & Guardianship of all my said Children), I do then devise the tuition & Guardian-
ship of all my said Children till each of them shall attain to the said age of One & Twenty years to such person & persons as the Survivor of them the said Sr Richard Middleton, Thomas Cholmondeley & Francis Cholmondeley shall by any writing under his hand & Seale, Sealed & Executed in the presence of three or more credible wittnesses, or by his last Will and Testa-
ment in writing signed, sealed, published, and declared in the presence of three or more like credible Wittnesses, direct, limit, or appoint. And this I do to the intent and purpose they may be all educated & instructed in the Religion now Established by Law in the Church of England, & I do most earnestly entreat & require them to instruct & educate such Child or Children in such manner as they do or would instruct or educate their owne. All the furniture of my house wherein I now live as it now stands, I do order & appoint to go along with the said house to my heire at Law. And whereas I have Leased to Thomas Craven of Poulton a messuage or tenement of Poulton of about the yearly value of Thirty pounds per Annum (which was part of the joyniture I settled upon my Wife at Marriage) for the tenure of three Lives, I do now in lieu thereof devise to my said Wife that part of widow Gough of Cheaveley's tenement which I have lately purchased, being of the yearly value of Thirty five pounds or thereabouts, To have and to hold for & during the term of her natural Life only. I devise to my Second Sone Thomas² the Sum of five hundred pounds to be paid him as

¹ Richard, afterwards fourth baronet, M.P. for Chester. Died without issue.

² Afterwards fifth baronet. M.P. for Chester. Died unmarried, 31 Jan., 1732-3.

soon as he attains to the age of fifteen years. And a Thousand pounds more if he attains to the age of One and Twenty years. I hereby devise to my third Sonne Robert¹ the Sume of 500 pounds to be paid him as soon as he attains to the age of fifteen years & 500 pounds more if he attains to the age of One & Twenty—(All which said Severall Sumes I charge upon all my Estate that was not settled at our marriage, together with that which I have since purchased (that tenement I have hereby given to my wife to compleat her joynure only excepted) during her life & no longer. Provided nevertheless that if either of my said younger Sones happen to depart this life before they shall severally & respectively attaine to the said age of fifteen years or the said age of One and Twenty years. Then it is my Mind & Will that the respective Sumes hereby given & bequeathed to them respectively which shall not be then due to them respectively by the true intent & meaning of this my Will shall not be paid or remaine as a charge upon my said Estate, but that my said Eldest Sons shall be wholly eased thereof. And whereas my wife is now with child,² I do if the said child should happen to be a Sone charge all my Estate which I have power to charge with payment of 50 pounds a year to the said Sone, the same to be paid yearly at Lady Day & Michalemas [*sic*] by even & equal portions during the life of such Sone, the first payment thereof to begin upon such of the said Feast Days as shall first happen next after the Birth of such Sone. And it is my desire & request to my said wife that she will do the like out of her Estate if the said child of which my said wife is now ensient shall happen to be a Daughter. Then it is my mind & Will she shall have, and I do hereby devise to her, the Sume of fifteen hundred pounds to be paid her when she shall attaine

¹ Afterwards sixth baronet. M.P. for Chester. Died 1 August, 1755, having married Jane, daughter and heiress of Thomas Warre. From this marriage the present Duke of Westminster descends.

² This child was Anne, born at Eaton 29 July, 1700, who married the Hon. W. L. Gower, M.P. for Staffordshire. (*Ormerod*, vol. ii. p. 843.)

to the age of fifteen years or be marryed, which shall first happen. And I do desire and request of my wife that she would do the like for her. I do freely give to my said Wife the use of my Lands where I live dureing her Widowhood & till my Eldest Sonne marries, if she thinkes fit to live there. I do hereby constitute & appoint the said Sr Richard Middleton, Thomas Cholmondeley & Francis Cholmondeley Execōrs of this my last Will & Testament during the minority of my Eldest Sonne. And after he attains to the age of One & Twenty yeares I make him sole Execōr of this my last Will & Testament. But in the meane time it is my mind & Will that the said Sr Richard Middleton, Thomas Cholmondeley & Francis Cholmondeley shall have the sole management of my personal Estate as well as of my Real in Trust for my said Eldest Sone & that they shall have all their charges & reasonable expenses in & about the management thereof. I leave my Wife all her Jewells, my Coach & Six horses, all her Rings & wearing apparel. I leave fifty pounds to my Friend M^r Rob^t Brerewood. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale as followeth (That is to say) my hand To the first sheet hereof & my hand and seale to the second Sheet hereof the One and Twentieth Day of June in the Twelfth yeare of the Raigne of King William the Third, &c., Anno Dni 1700.

T. GROSVENOR.

Signed, Sealed, published & declared by the said Sir Thomas Grosvenor in the presence & sight of us who have hereunto subscribed our names — Charles Madison, John Jones, Robert Pigot, John Williams, Thos. Lloyd.

[Proved at Chester, 1700.]

THE WILL OF JAMES WOOD OF ATHERTON,
CO. LANC., CLERK.¹ 1695.

IN the name of God, Amen. I JAMES WOOD of Atherton, co. Lanc., clerk. My body to Christian burial, and it is my will that instead of a dole and that entertainment at the house or elsewhere called a drinking, £7 be given to the poor, that is to say, £3 to the poor of Atherton, 10s. apiece to the other five towns in the parish of Leigh, and £1 to the poor of Ashton in the parish of Winwick, and 10s. to the poor of Thelwall. And as to the remainder of my worldly estate my will is that my wife have one-third part thereof, and the other two parts to be disposed of at the discretion of my executors hereafter named, for the bringing up, maintenance and preferment of my children, with the advice of my wife while she keeps herself sole and unmarried.

Whereas John Rigbie of Atherton, yeoman, hath assigned a certain tenement in Thelwall, co. Chester, now or late in the occupation of William Robinson of Thelwall, yeoman, upon Robert Mort of Little Hilton, gent., Thomas Mort son of the said Robert, and John Hartley of Atherton, first for the raising of £100 to the said Robert Mort, and after that for the use of me James Wood and such uses as I should nominate. And whereas the said £100 is discharged but £25 which is secured by bond from me and the said John Hartley my loving brother-in-law. My will is that after payment of the said £25 and all other my debts the yearly profits of the same shall go, one-third part to my wife, and the other two parts towards the maintenance &c. of my children as aforesaid.

¹ Son of the Rev. James Wood, who was ejected from the chapel of Ashton-in-Makerfield, co. Lanc., in 1662, and went to reside at Thelwall, co. Chester, where he died in 1667 and was buried at Grappenhall. (See *Local Gleanings*, Nos. 372 and 704.) James Wood, the testator, was the father of "General" Wood, the minister of Chowbent Chapel in 1715.

Whereas I have a piece of land in Ashton in Macrefeild now or late in the occupation of Mathew Low, whitesmith, my will is that one [third] part of the yearly profits shall go to my wife, and the other two parts to my children as aforesaid, with power for my executors to sell the same, allowing my wife £20, and my eldest son living £10 in consideration of his birthright, and the rest for the preferment of my children, any child being towardly to be encouraged more, and if any child be undutiful or prodigal to be discouraged.

It is my will that my interest in the tenement in Thelwall be sold if need require, before my land in Ashton, and if my land in Ashton be kept unsold till my youngest child be 21, the heir male of my body shall enjoy the same, and to be entailed on the heirs male of my body for ever. And such of my younger sons as shall be most towardly shall have my interest in that [land at Thelwall] in Cheshire, paying £5 apiece to as many of my younger sons as shall be then alive. I appoint my loving brother-in-law John Hartley and my loving friends John Throppe and Ellis the son of Ellis Makant, all of Atherton aforesaid, yeomen, my executors.

Dated 11 May, 1691.

JAMES WOOD.

Witnesses—

[Signed] Henry Worthington.

James Hartley.

John Guest.

[Proved at Chester by the Executors 1st June, 1695.]

THE WILL OF CHARLES HAMER THE ELDER, OF
 CHELBURN, IN THE PARISH OF ROCHDALE,
 CO. LANC., YEOMAN.¹ 1700.

CHARLES HAMER the Elder, of Chelburn, in the parish of Rochdale and County of Lancaster, yeoman . . . advanced to a great Age.

I give unto my daughter Mary, the wife of Jonathan Scholefull of Stubleys £5 10s. Vnto my daughter Margrett, the wife of Alexander Kershaw of Stead, £5 10s. Vnto Elizabeth Lomax, the Eldest daughter of Jeffery Lomax, which I am Grandfather vnto, 1s. Unto the Other 6 Children of Jeffry Lomax which I ham Grandfather vnto, 10s. per peice when they Come to the Age of 21 years. And if any of them dye before they Arrive to the Age of 21 yeares, it is my will that their Legacie be Equally divided Amongst the Surviving Children. I give vnto Andrew Bury, Junir, of Rachdale, 2s.

I declare it to be my will that All the Residue of my whole estate whatsoever, after payment of my debts, funerall Expences, and the before menþned Legacies be Shared Equally betwixt my Two sonnes Charles Hamer of Chelburn and Samuell Hamer of Sladen.

And I Constitue my Two sonnes Charles Hamer and Samuell Hamer Executors of this my will. And if it happen that I should have any future Occasion to alter and Change any personall legacy or legacies when I Cannot have time and advice to renew my will in this Solemne forme, yet be it declared and it is my will and mind that all notes or deeds of Revocation or

¹ Charles Hamer was probably a descendant of the Hamers of Hamer, in Rochdale parish; his son, or grandson, Charles Hamer, of Chelburn, gent., who died 17 June, 1824, aged 82, had three sons, of whom the two younger died without issue, and the eldest, Charles, was a spendthrift, and died in the workhouse. (*Information of Lieut.-Col. Fishwick, F.S.A.*)

Increase of future creation of any personall Legacy or Legacies subscribed and sealed by mee in the presence of Two witnesses shall be Adjudged and taken as part and member of this my Last will and Testament, and as A Codill [sic] thereto annexed And if it happen that I have no Occasion to alter or Change any personall legacie or Legacies, but after my decease Any of my Children be discontented at this my last will and Testament such Child or Children to have no benefitt, but Onely to have one shilling and no more. In testimony whereof I have hereto put my hand and seal this Thirteenth day of January Anno RR^s Witti tertij Ang^t, &c. Undecimo Annoq³ Domini 1699 [1700].

CHARLES HAMER the Elder.

H
HIS MARKE.

Sealed, Signed, published and declared to be the Last will and Testament of the testator in the presence of us.

[Signed] Jeremiah Bury.

Ann Bury.

Andrew Bury, Jun^r.

[Proved at Chester by the executors, 16 Nov., 1700.]

THE WILL OF DAME MARY CALVELEY, OF THE
CITY OF CHESTER, WIDOW.¹ 1705.

I DAME MARY CALVELEY of the city of Chester, widow and relict of Sir Hugh Calveley, late of Lea, co. Chester, knight. My body to be buried in linen and in the same vault in the

¹ Daughter of Sir Gilbert Hoghton of Hoghton Tower, co. Lanc., knt., and second wife of Sir Hugh Calveley, who died in 1648. His first wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Henry, Earl of Huntingdon, and she died in 1642, having had an only son George, born 1635, who died young.

parish church of Bunbury wherein my said dear Husband was interred.

To the poor inhabitants of the parish of Bunbury, £100. To the poor of the parish of St. Michael, co. Chester, £10. To the poor of the parish of Handley, co. Chester, £10. To the poor of the parish of Harthill, co. Chester, £10. To the poor of the parish of Farndon, co. Chester, £5. To the poor of the parish of Aldford, co. Chester, £5. To the poor of the chapelry of Churton heath, commonly called Churton heath Chapell, £5, the same to be kept as a stock in the said parishes.

My will is that the Chancel in the said parish church of Bunbury and the monument of my said late dear Husband therein shall be kept clean and free from dust, and to that end I do direct that such of the poor of the said parish of Bunbury as shall from time to time have and receive the benefit of the said legacy to the poor shall be from time to time employed by the Ministers or Churchwardens of the said parish of Bunbury to sweep and make clean the same. To my kinsman Thomas Hoghton of the city of Chester, gent., now living with me, £100. To my kinswoman Mrs Katherine Amis all my wearing apparel (except Rings and Jewells). To my kinsman Cuthbert Ogle, Esq., all the Pictures now in the roome that I usually lodge in within my house in the city of Chester, and also the Picture of our Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ upon the Cross. To the said Cuthbert Ogle and my kinswoman Mrs Katherine Smith his sister the Pictures of Sir Gilbert Hoghton,¹ Major Hoghton,² Madam Preston,³ and all other the pictures of any of Sir Gilbert Hoghton's Family equally to be divided betwixt them. To my nephew Sir Charles Hoghton, Bart.,⁴ Benjamin Hoghton, Esq.,⁵ Mr

¹ The testatrix's father.

² The testatrix's brother Gilbert, a major in the regiment of Sir Gilbert Gerard, Governor of Worcester. (*Foster's Lancashire Families.*)

³ The testatrix's sister Catherine, wife of Thomas Preston of Holker.

⁴ Son of Sir Richard, third baronet. Sir Charles died 1710.

⁵ Younger brother of Sir Charles.

Thomas Rigby,¹ and the said Mr Cuthbert Ogle, £10 each to buy mourning.

It is my desire that my coach be covered with mourning, and that such servants as live with me have mourning given them at my funeral. To the said Thomas Hoghton and Cuthbert Ogle all that my messuage in the Bridgestreet, Chester, by me heretofore built and wherein I now dwell, with all its appurtenances for ever, in trust to sell the same, and with the money so raised to discharge my funeral expenses, debts, and legacies, and I bequeath the residue to the said Thomas Hoghton and Cuthbert Ogle equally between them, and I appoint the said Thomas Hoghton sole Executor.

Dated 21 July, 1701.

[Signed] MARY CALVELEY.

[Proved at Chester 30 May, 1705.]

THE WILL OF SIR RICHARD BROOKE OF NORTON,
BART. 1709.²

I Sr RICHARD BROOKE of Norton, co. Chester, Bart. Whereas there is a proviso contained in one Indenture tripartite bearing date the 4th May, 4 James II. [1688], made between me the said Sr Richard Brooke, Dame ffrancisca Posthuma³ my late wife, and Thomas Brooke, my eldest son and heir-apparent of the first parte, Roger Wilbraham of Namptwich, co. Chester, Esq., and Grace Wilbraham, one of the daughters of the said Roger Wilbraham, and now wife of the said Thomas Brooke, Sr

¹ Perhaps a son of the testatrix's sister Margaret, wife of Alexander Rigby of Middleton, co. Lanc.

² Died Feb., 1709-10.

³ Daughter of Thomas Legh, D.D., rector of Walton and Sephton, co. Lanc. Married at Frodsham, April, 1656.

Thomas Bellett of Moreton, co. Chester, Bart., and Sr John Arderne of Hawarden [Harden], co. Chester, knight, of the second part, and Peter Leigh of Lyme, co. Chester, Esqr, Richard Leigh of High Leigh, co. Chester, Esqr, Randoll Wilbraham, son and heir-apparent of the said Roger Wilbraham, and Ralph Wilbraham, son and heir-apparent of Peter Wilbraham of Darfold, co. Chester, Esqr, of the third part, to the effect that it shall be lawful for the said Sr Richard Brooke to charge certain premises with any sums of money not exceeding in the whole £3,000 for the portions of daughters, and likewise with any sums of money for their maintenance and education not exceeding £20 apiece yearly during the life of the said Dame ffrancisca Posthuma Brooke, nor after her death exceeding £30 apiece yearly, till their respective portions shall be raised, and likewise with any sums of money not exceeding in the whole £1,000 for the portions of sons, to be paid in such manner as he the said Sr Richard Brooke shall appoint. And further that it shall be lawful for the said Sr Richard Brooke to grant to his younger sons by the said Dame ffrancisca Posthuma, as an addition to their portions, a several annuity of £30 apiece during their respective lives out of all the premises. And whereas I the said Sr Richard Brooke have issue by my said late wife three younger daughters¹ (viz¹), ffrancisca Elizabetha, Letitia,² and Sarah,³ which said ffrancisca Elizabetha was some years since married to Sylvester Richmond of Liverpool, co. Lanc., merchant,⁴ but hath as yet received no part of her portion. And whereas the said Letitia is lately married to Mr Leigh, son and heir-apparent of the aforesaid Richard Leigh of High Leigh, Esq. And whereas I have paid or otherwise satisfied to the said Richard Leigh £1,000 as a marriage

¹ The testator's eldest daughter Mary was married in 1687 to Randle Wilbraham of Townsend, Esq., and died in 1739.

² Wife of Henry Legh of East Hall, High Legh, co. Chester, Esq. ; married 1701 ; died 1738.

³ Died unmarried, 1727. See her will, *infra*.

⁴ Afterwards of Acton Grange, near Norton, gent.

portion with the said Letitia, pursuant to an agreement between him and me made, whereby the said Letitia is fully provided for. And whereas I have five younger sons yet unprovided for (viz^t), Henry,¹ Richard,² George, Leigh,³ and Charles, Now I the said Sr Richard Brooke, in pursuance of the power reserved to me as aforesaid, do charge all the manors, messuages, lands, &c. [Here follow charges of portions and annuities.]

And whereas I the said Sr Richard Brooke by another Indenture tripartite bearing date the 4th May, 4 James [1688], made between me the said Sr Richard Brooke on the first part, the aforesaid Roger Wilbraham of the second part, and Peter Leigh of Lyme, co. Chester, Esqr, Richard Leigh of High Leigh, co. Chester, Esqr, Randoll Wilbraham, son and heir-apparent of the said Roger Wilbraham, and Ralph Wilbraham, son and heir-apparent of Peter Wilbraham of Darfold, co. Chester, Esqr, of the third part, did assign over to the said Peter Leigh, Richard Leigh, &c., all my right, &c., in the Rectory or Parsonage of Runcorne, co. Chester, with the appurtenances which I hold under the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Christ in Oxon by a lease for three lives. To have and to hold to them the said Peter Leigh, &c., for the term of 99 years, if the said original lease so long continue, in trust amongst other things for myself for life, and after in trust that they should yearly for the term of 10 years from the time of my decease raise out of the rents, &c., of the said premises the sum of £ 100, and should yearly during the said term of 10 years pay the same for the maintenance and bringing up of my younger sons by the said Dame ffrancisca Posthuma my late wife, living at the time of my decease, Nevertheless to be paid at such times and in such proportions as I the said Sr Richard should by any my deed or last will in writing appoint. Now I declare that

¹ Married —— Hesketh.

² A captain in the army.

³ Fellow of Brazenose College, Oxford, and rector of Tarporley, co. Chester, 1715 to 1716.

the said £100 a year shall be paid in manner following. [Here follow directions for payments of £200 each successively to the testator's sons, Henry, Richard, George, Leigh, and Charles.]

And as to my personal estate I dispose thereof as followeth. To my daughter Richmond my best silver salver. To my daughters Letitia and Sarah my two silver tankards, Letitia to have her choice. To each of my children and grandchildren mourning as my Executors shall think fit, and the like to my uncle John Brooke and to my sisters Mary Brooke and Anne Brooke. All the residue of my personal estate, my funerals being first discharged, which I appoint not to exceed £250, I bequeath to my daughter Sarah, excepting the bed and furniture as it now stands in the whitened Chamber now called my son Thomas's Chamber, which I give to him, as also my Study of Books and Papers, and all the residue of my plate, and all my pictures as they now hang in the parlour. And I further declare that my Manor of Aston Grange shall stand charged with the payment of £500 and paid as follows, that is to say, the first £100 that shall be raised I bequeath to my said daughter Sarah by way of addition to her portion. And whereas I have not been at so much expense in the education of my said two younger sons George and Charles as I have been at in the education of the rest of my younger sons. And whereas the said George and Charles are both Tradesmen, and will need something to help them to carry on their trades. Therefore I order that after the said £100 is raised and paid to my daughter Sarah, that the next £100 shall be raised and paid to my said son George, and the third £100 to my said son Charles, and the residue of the said £500 shall go towards the discharge of my debts (if any) and funeral expenses, and to ease the residue of my personal estate. I hereby declare that if my said son Thomas shall within the space of six months after my decease give sufficient security to my other Executors for the payment of the said £500 within 2 years after my decease, then he shall enter upon and receive the rents, &c., of the said Manor of Aston Grange to him and

his heirs for ever. But if he refuse so to do, then my other Executors forthwith to raise the same by lease or mortgage of the said Manor. And whereas in a deed of Settlement made upon the marriage of my eldest son Thomas Brooke, Esqr, and Grace his now wife, bearing date the 4th May, 1688, there is amongst other things a Covenant to the effect following. And the said Sr Richard Brooke doth covenant with the said Roger Wilbraham that the farm called Dunbabins ffarme, situate in Acton Grange, hereby limited in jointure for the said Dame ffrancisca Posthuma Brooke. And also that farm situate in Eanly Wood in Norton, now in the possession of Robert Jenings. And also that messuage called Walford house, formerly in the possession of Robert Pickering, Esqr, deceased, and now in the occupation of Richard Sutton, of London, vintner. All which said premises are of the yearly value of £180, shall after the decease of the said Sr Richard Brooke stand charged with the raising of annuities to the younger sons to the intent that the rest of the said estate may be eased. Now I the said Sir Richard Brooke do hereby appoint that the said three tenements shall stand charged with the raising of the said several annuities, or so much thereof as can be raised out of the same. I desire to be buried in the Burial place of my Ancestors in the Parish Church of Runcorne. And I appoint Peter Leigh of Lyme, Esqr, my eldest son Thomas Brooke,¹ and my second son Henry Brooke, Executors of this my will. Dated 8 June, 1703.

[Codicil relating to payment to Silvester Richmond of £200 in part of his wife's portion.]

RICHARD BROOKE.

Sealed, &c., in the presence of
Richard Brooke Walford. Tho: Hyde.

¹ Succeeded his father and died 1737, leaving issue by his wife, Grace, daughter of Roger Wilbraham of Townsend, Esq.

Tho: Henshaw.

W^m Appleton.Jonaⁿ Hale.

[Proved at Chester 1709.]

 THE WILL OF EDWARD HERLE OF WIGAN,
 ESQ^{RE. I} 1709.

TO Edward Holt my grandson, all my books. All my messuages, tenements, &c., to John Walmisley of Wigan, Esqr, & Robert Holt of the same, Gent., my two sons in law, and to Robert Kenyon of Bolton le Moors, Gent., Edward Kenyon of the same, mercer, and John Kenyon of Toxteth Park, clerk, my three nephews.² To have and to hold to them, their heirs, &c., upon trust to the intent that they or a majority of them, or the survivor of them, shall as soon as possible after my decease sell all my messuages, &c., and shall employ the money for the payment of my debts, &c. Of the residue they to retain 40s. each for their trouble, and then to pay £40 to M^{rs} Mary Green³ my sister; £20 to M^{rs} Frances Green her daughter, my niece; £20 to M^{rs} Dorothy Nicholson my niece, and wife of Matthew Nicholson of Liverpool; £10 to the poor of Wigan; the residue equally among my grandchildren.

Executors—John Walmisley, Robert Holt, Robert Kenyon, Edward Kenyon, & John Kenyon.

Dated 19 Sept., 1709.

Witnesses—Deborah Winard. Peter Greene.

Tho. Bancks.

[Proved at Chester 29 October, 1709.]

¹ Son of the Rev. Charles Herle, rector of Winwick, who died 1659; baptised at Winwick 22 April, 1632. (*Local Gleanings*, No. 541.)

² Mrs. Elizabeth Kenyon, of Toxteth, was buried at Winwick 20 Feb., 1717-18.

³ Baptised at Winwick 3 Sep., 1648.

THE WILL OF JOHN WARD, RECTOR OF
TARPORLEY, CO. CHESTER.¹ 1715.

IN the name of God, Amen. I JOHN WARD, Rector of Tarporley, co. Chester, My body to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named. Imprimis, I give to my son John my two houses in Stony Street in Nottingham, and all my school books and Law books, and Cambden's Britannia.

Item, I give to my daughters, Elianor, Rebeccah, Sarah, and Mary all my estate that doth any ways belong to me in Wisbech or Leverington in the Isle of Ely, co. Cambridge, equally amongst them, and also all my plate and linen equally amongst them. To each of them a bed with the furniture, and to each of them a chest of Drawers. Item, I give to my son Robert a shilling. As to the remainder of my goods, &c., I desire my Executor to dispose of the same to pay my debts and funeral expenses, and if there be any over I give to my said four daughters equally amongst them. Item, I give to my friend John Hubbert, senior, of Hough on the Hill, co. Lincoln, if he be living, or if not, to his eldest son John, £5 for his trouble in the execution of this my will. I appoint the above said John Hubbert senior, if living, or if not, his said son John, my sole executor.

Dated 9th April, 1715.

J. WARD.

Signed, &c., in the presence of

Ralph Pickmore.

Wif^t: Palin.

RENUNCIATION BY ALICE WARD, widow of John Ward, late Rector of Tarporley, co. Chester, of her right to administer to the goods of the said John Ward.

¹ Died 12 April, 1715, having been rector of Tarporley from 19 Sept., 1709.

Know all men that I ALICE WARD of Tarporley, co. Chester, widow and relict of John Ward, late Rector of Tarporley aforesaid, deceased, Have released unto Robert Ward of the City of London, Clothworker, eldest son of the said John Ward, all my right of Administration to the goods of the said John Ward (John Hubbert senior, the Executor in the said will named, having already renounced the same in Court). And I hereby appoint Mr Richard Bouchier of the City of Chester, gent., my true attorney in my name to renounce the said Administration, and to procure the same to be granted to the said Robert Ward.

Dated 21 May, 1715.

ALICIA WARD.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of
 Michael Briscall.
 Jno. Merriman.

[Proved at Chester 31 May, 1715.]

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOODS, &c., of John Ward, late Rector of Tarporley, co. Chester, deceased, granted to Robert Ward his son.

Bond by which Robert Ward, of the city of London, Clothworker, and Benjamin Segreave of Bostock, Parish of Davenham, co. Chester, gent., are bound to the Bishop of Chester in £300.
 Dated 23 May, 1715.

The condition of this obligation is such that the above bounden Robert Ward, natural and lawful son and Administrator of all the goods, &c., of John Ward, late Rector of Tarporley, co. Chester, deceased, do cause an Inventory of his goods, &c., to be made before the 23 day of August next.

ROBERT WARD.
 BENJ^A SEGRAVE.

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods, &c., of John Ward, late of Tarpurley, co. Chester, Clerk, deceased, taken and appraised this 27th day of May, 1715.

Total - - - £50 6^s 1^d

Sam^{ll} Kirkes, Jun^{ll} }
Tho: Ludman, } Appraisers.

THE WILL OF RICHARD NIGHTINGALE OF HEATH
CHARNOCK, CO. LANC., GENT. 1725.

IN the name of God, Amen. 28 March, 1724. I RICHARD NIGHTINGALL of Heath Charnock, co. Lanc., gent. Whereas I am seised in ffee simple of One Messuage in Heath Charnock & Nine Acres of Land fformerly purchased from Alexander fford, Gentleman, & ffour Acres of Land in Heath Charnock purchased from John Walker, Clerk, John Walker his son, & Thomas Waddington, Gentleman, & Tenn Acres of Land in Heath Charnock & Duxbury purchased from Trustees Appointed by Act of Parliament, for Sale of part of the Estate of the late Mr Standish of Standish, deceased. As concerning the said lands and all other my messuages, cottages, lands, &c., in Heath Charnock and Duxbury, I devise and bequeath the same to my loving wife Tabitha,¹ James Ryley of Chorley, co. Lanc., Clerk, and Thomas Simpson of Heath Charnock, yeoman, during the term of 200 years, in trust that they shall out of the rents, &c., thereof, or by grant or mortgage, raise £800 to be disposed of as hereinafter mentioned. And after the raising of the said sum I give and devise All the said messuages, cottages, lands, &c., unto my grandson Richard Nightingall, eldest son of my son Richard Nightingall, Deceased [here follows a settlement in tail male]. Remainder to my son

¹ See her will, *infra*.

William Nightingall and his issue in manner aforesaid. Remainder to my son Miles Nightingall and his issue in manner aforesaid. Remainder to my son Humphrey Nightingall and his issue in manner aforesaid. Remainder to my own right heirs for ever. It is my will that 5 acres of ground in Heath Charnock which I hold by lease under Mr Willis shall go along with my lands of inheritance, and be held according as my lands are herein limited. It shall be lawful for my said grandson Richard Nightingall by his will or other instrument to charge the said lands with the sum of £300 for the use of his daughter or daughters, and with the further sum of £100 in case my said lands of inheritance come to either of my said sons Miles Nightingall and Humphrey Nightingall by this my will. Also it is my will that in case my said grandson Richard Nightingall, when he attains 21 years, shall think the said charge of £800 to be too great, then the said lands shall go to my said son William Nightingall and his issue, subject to the same charge, my said son William paying to my said grandson Richard £250, upon payment whereof my said grandson Richard Nightingall shall release the said lands to my said son William Nightingall discharged from the said £300, and power of charging aforesaid. It is my will that my wife shall, so long as she keeps unmarried, enjoy "the fflagged Parlour, the fflagged Parlour Clossett, the two Parlour Chambers, the little Chamber over the Buttery & the three Garretts over them, with the use of the Great Stair Case, the boarded place over the nearer Cellar, the little Cellar under the Cellar stepps, with a way through the nearer Cellar to it, & the place for laying Coal & Cannell where myne now lyes, together with the Parlour Garden, & liberty att Pleasure to wash, bake, & brew in the Brew house, with all ways & passages to the Spout & well in the wall meadow & the use of the Cloaths hedge," and all other liberties. And as concerning all my lands, &c., in Brindle, co. Lanc., which I purchased from Robert Higginson, I devise the same to my son William Nightingall, his heirs for ever. I do as much as in me lieth devise and

confirm to the said Tabitha my wife all such part and parts of certain messuages, lands and hereditaments in Chorley aforesaid, Cappull, Worthington, and Balderstone, all in the said County, devised unto her by Samuel Crane, her former husband, during her life, and after her decease I devise all my interest in the same to Elizabeth, now wife of the said James Ryley, her daughter by the said Samuel Crane, her heirs and assigns. And as concerning the said sum of £800, it is my will that the same be raised and paid to the following uses. £100 to Tabitha my wife, £50 to my son William Nightingall, and £150 apiece to my sons Miles Nightingall and Humphrey Nightingall and my daughter Tabitha Nightingall. And the remainder to be accounted as part of my personal estate. I declare that the said sum of £100 is given to my said wife upon condition of her re leasing her dower to all my lands, and if she refuse, the same to be paid to such person as shall claim my said lands in Heath Charnock and Duxbury. I give to the said Tabitha my wife the silver cup marked R^{NT}, which cost £6 10s., and if any more goods accrue to my wife on the death of her daughter Elizabeth by the will of the said Samuel Crane, together with the said Samuel Crane's debts, which were accounted desperate that shall hereafter be gotten, I give the same to my wife, together with all the goods I had with my said wife. And as concerning all that parcel of ground called ffallowleys in Chorley by me purchased from M^r Waring, deceased, I devise the same to my wife Tabitha, James Ryley, and Thomas Simpson, their heirs and assigns, and likewise those messuages, malthouses, and outhousings in Chorley being leasehold, by me purchased from M^r Waring, together with that cottage in Duxbury which I hold by lease under Sir Thomas Standish, to my wife Tabitha, James Ryley and Thomas Simpson, upon trust to sell the same, and with the money thereby raised and the remainder of the said sum of £800, and all my goods and chattels, pay all my debts and funeral expences, and after payment thereof I devise the legacies hereafter mentioned, that is to say,

to my daughter Hannah Nightingall, £150. To my daughter Mary, now wife of Thomas Nelson, £50. To my daughter Elizabeth, now wife of Robert Hart, £20. And I declare that I have already advanced and paid full portions for my other children not herein named. To my brother John Nightingall £7 7s. and £12 13s. which he is now indebted to me. To all my grandchildren living at my decease, 5s. apiece. To the said James Ryley and his wife, 1 guinea apiece. To the said Thomas Simpson, 1 guinea. To Wrightington Woosey of Chorley, 1 guinea, and to his wife half a guinea. All the residue of my goods, &c., I devise to my wife Tabitha. I give to my wife the use of a new clock and case during her life, and after her decease I give the same to my son William Nightingall. I appoint Tabitha my wife, James Ryley and Thomas Simpson, executors.

RICHARD NIGHTINGALL.

Sealed, &c., in the presence of

[Signed] Rob^t Hollinshead.

W^m Whaley.

W^m Bamber.

Wrightington Woosey.

CODICIL.—I appoint that the said lands of inheritance devised in my will shall go to my grandson Richard Nightingall, his heirs, after the raising of the said £800, and if my said grandson shall think the said charge too great, then the same to go to my son William Nightingall, his heirs, on payment of £200 to my grandson Richard Nightingall, and that the legacies of £150 apiece given to my sons and daughter, Miles Nightingall, Humphrey Nightingall, and Tabitha Nightingall, shall be reduced to £120 apiece, and my daughter Hannah Nightingall's legacy of £150 reduced to £120, and my daughter Mary Nelson's legacy of £50 reduced to £20, and my brother John Nightingall shall have no money paid to him, and I likewise revoke the legacies of 5s. apiece given to my grandchildren, and the legacies to

Mr Ryley and his wife, Thomas Simpson, and Wrightington Woosey.

Dated 8 Feb., 1724[5].

RICH^D NIGHTINGALL.

Witnesses—

[Signed] Jarrat Seddon.

Thomas Nightingall.

Wrightington Woosey.

[Proved at Chester 29 April, 1725, by whom not stated.]

THE WILL OF JOHN GOLBORNE THE ELDER, OF
WARRINGTON, CO. LANC., MERCER.¹ 1718.

JOHN GOULBORNE the elder of Warrington, co. Lanc., Mercer, to be buried at the parish church in Warrington. All my plate and linens, household goods in the house I now live in, to my wife Elizabeth Goulborne, and the residue of my personal estate to my Executors towards the payment of my debts and funeral expenses. Itm. I bequeath £10 to Peter Legh of Lyme, Esq., and Thomas Patten, one of my Executors, to be employed as they shall think fit for the use of the Chaplain or Lecturer of Trinity Chapel in Warrington for the time being, and I forgive all moneys owing to me upon the account of the said chapel. I devise to my Executors all those two dwelling houses in the old Corn Market in Warrington, now in the possession of Thomas Cowley, Tailor, and Mary Birchall, widow, and likewise that tenement in Warrington near a place called Connies Corner called Newalls during my term therein, to be sold towards the

¹ Brother of Nathan Golborne, of Warrington, clerk, whose will, proved in 1696, is printed, Part II. p. 119, Chetham Society, vol. xxviii. N.S.

payment of my debts and funeral expenses. Also I will that my Executors be seised of the messuage in Warrington belonging to the house where Mr Owen now lives at the end of Sankey St (except the house standing at the Marketgate where my son John now lives, which I settled upon him at his marriage), and likewise that messuage in Sankey St called the Nags Head, and to take the rents of the said messuage, &c. (over and above the frugal maintenance and education of my two daughters Elizabeth and Hannah Goulborne), until they shall have raised sufficient money to pay all my debts, funeral expences, &c. And when these are paid that they shall be seised of that messuage where the said Mr Owen now lives (except as before excepted), till they shall have raised the sum of £100 for my said daughter Hannah to be paid her when 21, and when this is paid then I devise the said messuage, &c., where Mr Owen lives to my said daughter Elizabeth and her heirs for the remainder of the term. If she die before 21 without issue, then I devise the same to my son John Goulborne and his heirs for the remainder of the said term. Item. I devise the said messuage, &c., called the Nags Head to my daughter Hannah Goulborne and her heirs when she is 21, during the remainder of the term. If she die before 21 without issue, then to my son Leigh Goulborne and his heirs during the remainder of the term. Item. I will that my Executors be seised of the said messuage where Mr Owen lives with all the houses, &c., thereto belonging (except as excepted) and in the said messuage called the Nags Head, to take the rents, &c., of the same (over and above the maintenance, &c., of my said daughters Hannah and Elizabeth till they be 21), to renew the leases of the same at their discretion. Item. I devise all that messuage, shop, &c., in the Little Corn Market place where sister Woods and I now live to my son Thomas Goulborne and his heirs for the remainder of the term of the original lease. If he die without issue, then to my son Leigh Goulborne and his heirs. Whereas by my deed of Settlement, I have power to charge my messuage in Warrington called the White Crosse

with any sum of money as I shall by my last will direct, therefore I will that within two years after my said son John Goulborne shall enter into the said messuage, it shall be charged with the payment of £20 to Ann Goulborne, daughter of my son Leigh Goulborne, and with £20 to Mary Dickenson, daughter of my son in law John Dickenson. If my said son John Goulborne die without issue, then that the said messuage may be charged with £40 for such uses as my said son John Goulborne shall by his will direct. I make my wife Elizabeth Goulborne, Thomas Patten of Warrington, gent., and my two sons John and Leigh Goulborne, Executors and Executrix.

Dated 1 Nov., 1718.

JOHN GOULBORNE.
[Seal, a Wheatsheaf.]

Witnesses—

John Worsley.¹
Hannah Woods.
Jas : Bent.

[Proved at Chester 20 Nov., 1718.]

THE WILL OF MARY COTTON OF MIDDLEWICH,
CO. CHESTER, WIDOW. 1721.

MARY COTTON of Middlewich, co. Chester, widow. Whereas by the will of Peter Cotton, late of the City of Chester, gent., deceased, my late son, I am entitled to the sum of £100,

¹ The Rev. John Worsley, first incumbent of Trinity Chapel, Warrington, who died 22 Jan., 1737, aged 49, having married Dorcas, daughter of William Patten, of Warrington, merchant. He was a son of Ralph Worsley, by Mary, daughter of Thomas Gleave, of High Leigh, co. Chester, and grandson of George Worsley, brother of Lieut.-Col. Charles Worsley, of Platt, the first M.P. for Manchester. (Information of Mr. J. E. Worsley, F.S.A.)

now at interest in the lands of Joseph Hodgson, in trust for me, now my will is that the interest of the said £100 shall be yearly paid to Mary Goodnich, daughter of Matthew Barrisford [Berisford], deceased, and now wife of John Goodnich, during her life, and after her decease shall be equally divided amongst her two daughters Mary and Barbara, and Matthew Barrisford and John Barrisford, sons of the said Matthew Barrisford, deceased. I bequeath to the said Mary Goodnich the elder four pair of flaxen sheets, four flaxen pillow cases, one holland sheet, &c., all which are now in a cedar chest at Cranage, co. Chester. I do further give to the said Mary Goodnich the elder, one tent-work purse, one silver spoon gilt with gold, one large thick gold ring, one broad tester piece of gold, one black silk petticoat of Paduasway, one flourished handkerchief. Item. I bequeath to the said Mary Goodnich the younger and Barbara Goodnich, each of them one broad piece of Gold, and likewise each of them a gold ring, one with a Christall in and the other a Green stone and other stones of a Diamond cut, the elder to choose which of the said rings she pleases, and also one silver seal, one silver bodkin, one cut shilling and one forreign half-crown, the eldest to choose. I bequeath to the said Mary Goodnich the younger and Barbara Goodnich, one tentwork pincushion, one blue sweet bag, two pair of wedding garters, one white with silver and gold on, and the other plain red, the eldest to choose. To the said John Berrisford my largest silver spoon marked M.B. To Mary, wife of William Yeardsley, one silver tankard, half a dozen of silver spoons, one blue cloak and hood, one double gown, one side black and white and the other side black shalloone. To M^rs Anne Leigh, widow and relict of William Leigh, late of Bagnall, gent., deceased, one black gown of hair stuff lined with Persian silk, one black silk watered Sarsnett petticoat, one Callimancee striped petticoat lined with dyed linen. To Elizabeth Handson of Ousington, widow, one Camlett mantle and Caphood, one pair of spectacles set in brass wire, one pair of gloves and red searge petticoat. To Sarah, daughter of the said Anne Leigh,

one gown and petticoat of half silk. To Thomas Leigh of Bag-nall a medal I have by me. To the said Mary Goodnick the younger one hair coloured silk petticoat, watered and chequered to make one side of a double gown, and one silver drinking cup. To the said Barbara Goodnick one flowered satin gown and one silver biscuit plate. To Anne, daughter of Thomas ffenton, one Cyprus wood box, one pair of Dantzc leather shoes, one pair of silver buckles, one pair of Bowdye Wosted Stockins, one pair of silk garters, one sweet bag of Irish ffitch work, one petticoat of cherry coloured flowered satin, one plain gold ring and one tortoiseshell ring. To Rebecca, wife of Isaac Worthington, half a guinea. To M^{rs} Wase, wife of M^r Ralph Wase, half a guinea. To M^{rs} Broome, half a guinea. To the said John Berrisford and Matthew Berrisford, each of them a broad piece of gold. To M^{rs} Hollins, half a guinea. To M^{rs} Alice Hodgson, wife of the said Joseph Hodgson, half a broad piece of gold and one pair of spectacles set in silver. To M^{rs} Sarah Jones of Hollinshouse, one mourning ring. To M^{rs} Sarah Burn of Chell, one pair of silver clasps for a cloak and two pair of spectacles. To Elizabeth Wood my servant, one blue single gown and black crape petticoat and £3. To my niece Alice Turbat, wife of John Turbat in the Kingdom of Ireland, half a broad piece of gold. To Sarah Vaudrey, widow and relict of Thomas Vaudrey, late of Millgate in Cranage, half a guinea. To Mary Sampson, wife of Thomas Sampson, 5s. I bequeath the sum of £15 to be put out at interest by the overseers of the poor of the Town of Middlewich, and the interest to be yearly paid to 30 of the poorest widows of the said town for ever. I bequeath the sum of £5 to the poor of Kinderton, the interest thereof to be yearly paid to 10 of the poorest widows of the said town for ever. To the Poor of Newton near Middlewich, £2 10s. to be employed in like manner. I bequeath the sum of £5 to be put out at interest by Thomas Bayley of Clyve, and Peter Chesworth of Kinderton, and their assigns for ever, and the interest thereof yearly paid to the preaching Minister of the Chapel of Newton aforesaid for

ever, which said Chapel was founded by Mr Lea, deceased. To Mrs Matilda Hodgson, daughter of the said Joseph Hodgson, one pair of gloves, two combs, &c. To Mr John Leigh, son of William Leigh, deceased, one horn comb and three pair of silver buttons. To Mr Ralph Alsager, one silver watch and one guinea. To Mr John Alsager, one pair of spectacles set in silver and case. To Mary Handson, daughter of the said Elizabeth Handson, such goods as I shall direct for her. To Martha Dean of Congleton, widow, such goods as I shall direct for her. I bequeath the residue of my personal estate to the overseers of the poor of Middlewich aforesaid, to be put out at interest, and the interest yearly applied towards putting out poor children of the same town apprentices, for ever. I appoint my kinsman Ralph Alsager of Congleton, gent., Executor of this my will.

Dated 6 Jany, 1720[1].

MARY COTTON.

Sealed, &c., in the presence of

W. Toft.

Richard Ellison.

Law: Ellison.

[Proved at Chester by the said Executor, 17 Oct., 1721.]

THE WILL OF RANDLE FEILDEN OF BLACKBURN,
CO. LANC., YEOMAN. 1722.

1ST OCTOBER, 1719. I RANDAL FEILDEN of Blackburn, co. Lanc., yeoman. I give to Mary my wife¹ £300, and £12 yearly during her life to be paid by my son Henry Feilden

¹ This was the testator's second wife, Mary, daughter of John Bolton of Blackburn, the mother of his children, who died in 1737. His first wife was Ellen Pollard.

out of my lands in Witton, upon condition that she claim no interest of dower of any Houses or lands which I happen to die possessed of.

To my son Henry Feilden¹ all my lands, messuages, and tenements in Witton, he paying to Mary my wife £12 yearly. To my son Henry a tenement in Great Harwood called Harrison's and Cunliffe's Tenement, now in the possession of John Dugdall, and also a house and some fields thereto belonging known by the name of the Old House, now in the possession of Robert Cunliffe. To my son Henry a house in Blackburn called Nagg-Pool, and also a house called Baron house, now in the possession of Thomas Ainsworth, with the two shops thereto belonging, the one whereof is now in the possession of my son Henry, and the other in the possession of Richard Ward. I give to my son Henry the house I now dwell in, together with all the goods and furniture of the said house, on condition that he suffer Mary my wife to enjoy one half thereof during her life. To my son Henry a tenement in Blackburne called Sagar's Tenement, and also a close of ground lying at the four lane ends upon Revidge, held under the Vicar of Blackburn. To my son Henry a tenement in Lower Darwen called the Hill Tenement, and also a cottage house and a small parcel of land thereto belonging in Clayton-in-le-Moores. To my son Robert Feilden² all my lands, messuages, and tenement in Balderstone, and a tenement in Great Harwood called Fatback's Tenement, and two tenements in Blackburn called Beardwood Tenement and Wilworth Tenement, and £1,000 of current money.

To my daughter Catherine, now the wife of Mr Jonathan Patten of Manchester,³ five broad pieces of gold. To my sister Magdalene Smalley, £5.

¹ Born 1693, died 1742; grandfather of Sir William Feilden, created a baronet 1846.

² Born 1701, ancestor of the Feildens of Dulas Court, co. Hereford, &c.

³ Married 1716, died 1731. Jonathan Patten was a younger brother of Thomas Patten of Bank Hall, Warrington, great-grandfather of the late Lord Winmarleigh.

All the residue of my personal estate I give to my sons Henry and Robert equally between them. I appoint Mary, my dearly beloved wife, sole executrix.

RAN : FFEILDEN.

Witnesses—

[Signed] Jn^o Holme.

Jos : Pickering.

Tho^s Greenall.

April 7, 1722. The executrix sworn before Jn^o Holme, surrogate.

[Probate issued at Chester 11 April, 1722.]

THE WILL OF JOHN WROE OF SCOTLAND WITHIN
NEWTON, IN THE PARISH OF MANCHESTER,
CO. LANC., GENTLEMAN. 1722.

JOHN WROE of Scotland within Newton, in the parish of Manchester, co. Lanc., gent.

My messuage, lands, &c., in Gorton, co. Lanc., to Matthew Greaves of Manchester, co. Lanc., merchant, upon the trust hereinafter mentioned, and also all my messuage, &c., in Newton aforesaid, that is to say, that he shall sell the same, and with the money thereby raised pay all my just debts, &c. Afterwards I give the said Matthew Greaves £20. To my mother Wroe £5 to buy her mourning.

I give to my sister Sarah Wroe £20, all my pictures and fine needleworks in her mother's chamber, all my fine needleworks in my own possession, and also the sum of £5 to buy her mourning, upon condition that the said Sarah, on tender of the said legacies, give a general Release of all demands whatsoever, but if she refuse, then I bequeath the same to my executor.

To my cousin John Wroe of Smaudale, co. Derby, gent., £30, and £10 to his brother Nathaniel. I give £40 to my executor, in trust, to pay the yearly interest thereof to trustees to be nominated, for the teaching of poor children of poor persons inhabitants of Newton aforesaid, to read and write English.

All the residue of my estate to the said Matthew Greaves, desiring him to accept the same for his pains. And I appoint the said Matthew Greaves sole executor.

Dated 16 Aug., 1712.

J^{NO} WROE.

Witnesses—

[Signed] Rob: Bradshaw.

Hugh Parr.

John Harrison.

[Proved at Chester by the sole executor, 10 Nov., 1722.]

INVENTORY taken 18 Sept., 1722.

Farming stock, household goods, &c.

Land at Scotland sold for	-	-	-	£	640	0	0
Land at Gorton sold for	-	-	-		165	0	0
Total of Inventory	-	-	-	£	884	13	9

THE WILL OF EDWARD BURROWES OF CHESTER,
ALDERMAN.¹ 1726.

EDWARD BURROWES of the City of Chester, Alderman. My body to be buried in my burial place in St. Mary's Church in the City of Chester. I devise the guardianship and tuition of

¹ Edward Burrowes, who was a churchwarden of St. Mary's Church, 1705-1707, was sheriff of Chester in 1710, and was buried at St. Mary's Church, 22 April, 1726, as "Edward Burrowes of Handbridge, Alderman." Besides the three children

my only son Thomas Burrowes, until he shall attain 21 years, to my good friends John Robinson of Gwersyllt, co. Denbigh, Esq., and Thomas Lloyd of the City of Chester, Gent. (the present Town Clerk of the said City), and my brother in law Mr Samuel Maddock of the same city. All my debts shall be paid out of my personal estate, my bond debts to be paid before debts by simple contract, save and except so much of my said personal estate as shall be sufficient to pay my funeral charges and the legacies hereinafter bequeathed, that is to say, To my son Thomas Burrowes my two gold rings, my watch, my silver-hilted sword, my silver spurs, my gun or fowling piece with the implements belonging to the same. To my daughter Mary Burrowes my Lancets and Cases and my Case of silver instruments belonging to surgery. To the said John Robinson, Esq., Mr Thomas Lloyd and Mr Samuel Maddock, one guinea apiece in gold to buy gold rings to wear in remembrance of me, and all the rest of my goods, &c., after payment of my said debts, &c., I devise to my son Thomas Burrowes. And as concerning all my messuages, lands, &c., in the City of Chester and Wrexham, co. Denbigh, or elsewhere, I devise the same to my said good friends and their assigns for the term of 100 years, in trust, out of the rents, &c., thereof, to pay the annuities to my wife and to my two daughters, and the legacies to my two grandchildren herein after devised, that is to say, to my wife Hannah Burrowes one annuity of £40 during her life, but to cease if my said wife

named in his will, the testator had others, named Edward, Anne, Henry, Elizabeth, and Ambrose, whose names occur in the registers of St. Mary's. Mary was baptised there, 10 May, 1702, as the daughter of "Mr. Edward Burrowes, innholder." The Burrowes' seem to have been an old Chester family; Robert Burrowes was a parishioner of St. Mary's in 1653, Ralph Burrowes was sheriff of Chester in 1710, and James Burrowes was sheriff in 1726. Katherine, daughter of the third Randle Holme, married Isaac Burrowes of Chester, brewer, and the fourth Randle Holme, in his will dated 1704, mentions his nephew Randle Burrowes. Holme Burrowes was sheriff of Chester in 1750, mayor in 1763, and was raised a freemason 15 Sept., 1755, and elected senior warden 27 Dec., 1757, in the Chester lodge. "Mrs. Hannah Burrows, widow, neare Gloverstone," was buried at St. Mary's, 8 July, 1757, and was probably the testator's widow. (*Information of Mr. Henry Taylor, F.S.A.*)

shall marry again. To my eldest daughter Hannah Wightman, the wife of William Wightman, Gent., the yearly sum of £15 during her life to her sole and separate use, for the better maintenance of herself and her two daughters Hannah and Sabine. To my daughter Mary Burrowes an annuity of £15 during her life, to commence after the death of my said wife. To my granddaughter Hannah Wightman £50, and the like sum of £50 to my other granddaughter Sabine Wightman, when 21 years of age. And as concerning the said term of 100 years, after the discharge of the said annuities and legacies, and all other my messuages, lands, &c., in Chester, the County of Denbigh, or elsewhere, I devise the same to my son Thomas Burrowes. And lastly I appoint my said good friends and trustees John Robinson, Esq., Thomas Lloyd and Samuel Maddock, Executors.

Dated 25 Jan^{ry}, 1725[6].

EDWARD BURROWES.

Sealed, &c., in the presence of

Lucretia Hosier.

Witt Speed.

Barth. Duke.

[From a copy of the will.]

[Proved at Chester, 1727.]

THE WILL OF SIR EDWARD CHISENHALL¹ OF
CHISENHALL, CO. LANC., KNIGHT. 1727.

SIR EDWARD CHISNALL of Chisnall, co. Lanc., Knight. I bequeath to my son William Chisnall² £1600 owing to me upon a bond from my Lord Viscount Molyneux and others,

¹ Sir Edward Chisenhall was of Chisenhall Hall, in the parish of Standish, where his ancestors had been seated from a very remote period. The family entered their

² See his will, *infra*.

and also £400 owing to me upon a mortgage from Mr Potter of or near Prescott in the said county. To my son Edward £300 owing to me by Mr Edward Holland, late of Wigan, apothecary, or his representatives, and £100 owing to me by Mr Henry Tyrer of Ormskirk. To my sister Walmisley of Bury, £100. To my nephew Evan Wall of Preston, £100. To my daughter Ann Hammerton¹ £600 owing to me on a mortgage from John Leyland of Orrell Post, near Upholland. And out of the residue of my personal estate I order the payment of my debts and funeral expenses. All the rest of my goods, &c., I give to my sons William and Edward equally between them.

I appoint my said son William sole executor.

Dated 2 April, 1726.

EDW. CHISENHALE.

[Seal, a gem.]

Witnesses—

[Signed] John blundell.

Alex : Leigh.

Jn^o Wiswall.

[Proved at Chester by the sole executor, 17 April, 1727.]

pedigree at the Visitations of 1567, 1613, and 1664-5. Colonel Edward Chisenhall distinguished himself at the siege of Lathom House, and was also the author of a Catholic History printed in 1653, which contains the author's portrait as a frontispiece. He was present on 20 October, 1694, at the Jacobite trials in Manchester, and served on the jury, although he had been challenged by the counsel for the Crown a few days previously.

¹ Ann Hamerton was the wife of Stephen Hamerton of Hellifield-Peel, co. York, Esq. She eventually became sole heiress of her father, and carried the Chisenhall estate into the Hamerton family. (Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 1853.)

THE WILL OF SARAH BROOKE OF HIGH LEGH,
GENTLEWOMAN.¹ 1728.

SARAH BROOK [*sic*] of High Legh, co. Chester, Gentlewoman. My body to be buried at the Parish Church of Rosthern. My funeral expenses and debts be paid out of my whole personal estate. I give to my sister Willbraham £10. To my Executor hereinafter named £320, to be by him disposed and managed for the sole benefit of sister Richmond during her life, and at her death £200 of the said £300 to her two daughters, And the remaining part to be disposed of as sister Richmond shall think fit. To my sister Leigh £300, the use of it during her life, and at her death to her three daughters. To my brother Leigh £10. To my three brothers Richard, George, and Legh, £7 each. To my two nephews George and Henry Leigh, £10 each. To my niece Letticia Leigh £60. To my nephew Sylvester Richmond £40. To my kinswoman Mrs Frances Ardern two guineas. To my niece Elizabeth Wilbraham two broad pieces of gold at £1 5s. each. To my brother Richmond £5 to buy mourning. Item. To my servant Bridgett Smith £50. To my niece Letticia Richmond my gold watch. I give my best diamond ring to my niece Letticia Leigh. To my sister Richmond my Scarlet Cloak, my velvet scarf, and little rugg cloak. To the servants to my brother Leigh £5 to be divided amongst them as my Executor shall think fit. I leave £10 to a Preaching Minister to preach one day in the year in Winter Season in my brother Leigh's Chapel if he thinks fit. Item, all the rest of my jewels, rings, and trinkets to be equally divided amongst my three nieces Leigh and my two nieces Richmond. I give my table linnen to my nieces Richmond. I give my maple chest to my nephew Richard Legh [*sic*]. I bequeath all my Cheney

¹ Daughter of Sir Richard Brooke of Norton, co. Chester, baronet. See her father's will, page 65.

[china] to my three nieces Leigh to be equally divided amongst them and all my Pictures. I give my Cabinet to my sister Richmond. All the residue of my goods, &c., to my Executor hereinafter named. Lastly, I appoint my brother Henry Leigh Executor.

S. BROOKE.

Dated 4th Dec., 1727.

Sealed, signed, &c., in the presence of
 John Leigh.
 Roger Hickson.
 J. Newton.

[Proved at Chester 26th April, 1728, and Administration granted to Henry Legh, Esqr, the sole Executor.]

THE WILL OF JOHN HAWORTH OF CONSTABLEE
 IN THE FOREST OF ROSENDALE, CO. LANC.,
 YEOMAN. 1728.

25 NOV., 1727. I JOHN HAWORTH of Constablee, in the Forest of Rossendale, co. Lanc., yeoman. Whereas I have by one surrender dated the 20 Oct. last, surrendered into the hands of the Lady of the Manor of Accrington seven messuages, lands, &c., in Constablee, Wolfenden, Crawshaybooth, and Henheads in the said Forest and Manor, of the yearly rent of £1 13s. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., and now in the occupation of me, to the use of Richard Whittaker of Rawtenstall and Lawrence Taylor of Constablee, in trust, to the uses expressed in my last will.

Now my will is that the said feoffees shall stand seised of the said premises to the use of me the said John Haworth during my life, and after my decease shall stand seised of two messuages, two barns, one kiln, and lands, &c., in Constablee and Wolfenden, of the yearly rent to the said Lady of 13s. 4d., and

now in the possession of me and John Ashworth, to the use of Henry Haworth my brother during his life, on condition that he and his heirs or assigns pay the sum of £70 as follows, that is to say, £23 6s. 8d. to Peggy Hoyle, daughter of John Hoyle of Baccop, when 21, and the like sum to Sarah Hoyle, daughter of the said John Hoyle, when 21, and the like sum to Henry Hoyle, son of the said John Hoyle, when 21, and then to the right heirs of the said Henry Haworth for ever.

And further the said feoffees shall be seised of all those two messuages, two barns, lands, &c., of the yearly rent to the said Lady of 6s. 6d. lying in Constablee aforesaid, and now in the occupation of Lawrance Nuttall and Oliver Lonsdale, to the use of Mary my sister, wife of Joseph Townend, her heirs and assigns for ever. And further of one messuage, one barn, lands, &c., called the Reeds in Constablee, of the yearly rent to the said Lady of 3s. 11d., and now in the possession of Edward Birtwistle, to the use of Alice my sister, wife of the beforenamed John Hoyle, her heirs and assigns for ever. And further of the moiety of two parcels of land lying upon Henheads of the yearly rent to the said Lady of one penny and one farthing in whole, and now in the possession of Henry Hargreaves, and likewise of the moiety of two messuages, two barns, lands, &c., in Crawshay-booth of the yearly rent to the said Lady of 10s. in whole, and now in the possession of Daniell Dobson and John Whittaker, to the use of Ann Whittaker and Sarah Whittaker, daughters of the beforenamed Richard Whittaker, equally betwixt them and their heirs for ever. And of the other moieties of the said premises now in the possession of Henry Hargreaves, Daniell Dobson, and John Whittaker, to the use of Elizabeth my sister, wife of John Duckworth, her heirs and assigns for ever.

And as concerning my personal estate, I dispose thereof as follows. To the beforenamed Alice my sister, £10. To Ann Whittaker and Sarah Whittaker, £10 equally between them. To Elizabeth my sister, £10. To my feoffees, Richard Whittaker and Lawrance Taylor, £10 equally between them. And the

remainder of my goods, &c., to be valued and the money distributed to the poor people the day of my burial. I nominate and appoint the beforenamed Henry Haworth, Joseph Townend, Richard Whittaker, James Duckworth, and John Hoyle, executors of this my will.

JOHN HAWORTH.

Witnesses—

[Signed] Lawrence Whitaker.
Robert Halstead.
Richard Haworth.

[Proved at Chester by the executors 11 July, 1728.]

THE WILL OF ROBERT CHOLMONDELEY OF
HOLFORD, CO. CHESTER, ESQ.¹ 1728.

ROBERT CHOLMONDELEY of Holford, co. Chester, Esq.,
the 4th August, 1728.

First I bequeath to my mother Frances² so much money to be yearly issuing out of my real estate at Basford as shall make up her jointure to the yearly sum of £200 during her life, and if my estate in Basford shall fall short to make up the said jointure to the annual sum of £200, then I will the deficiency be supplied out of the rest of my real estate.

Item. I devise to Thomas Assheton, Esq., Brian Fairfax, Esq., and Strethill Harrison, gent., and their heirs, All my manors, messuages, lands, &c. whatsoever, upon trust to raise so much money as shall be sufficient to discharge all my debts and the

¹ The testator was the son of Robert Cholmondeley of Holford, who died in 1722. He was the last of his family, and, dying at Holford, was buried at Nether Peover, 16 August, 1728. He married Jane, daughter of Lord Ashburnham, who shortly after her husband's death married Seymour Cholmondeley, son of Thomas Cholmondeley, of Vale Royal. See his will, page 111.

² Daughter and heiress of Edward Holland of Heaton and Denton.

legacies hereinafter mentioned. And after the raising and payment thereof I devise the same to my wife Jane, her heirs and assigns for ever.

I give to the said Thomas Assheton, Brian Fairfax, and Strethill Harrison, the sum of £100 apiece. To Thomas, son of the said Thomas Assheton, £200. To my servants a year's wages each. To my said wife all my personal estate whatsoever.

I appoint my said wife executrix.

ROBT CHOLMONDELEY.

[Armorial seal.]

Sealed, &c., in the presence of

[Signed] Char^s Halsted.

Philip Fennyhough.

Geo. Clayton.

[Proved at Chester 11 Oct., 1728, by the executrix.]

Endorsed

“ Inter Seymour Cholmondeley
& Jana vx^o ejus Quer^o } In Sccio apud
Et } Westm^r
Thoma^o Assheton Ar^o & at Def^o }
18^o May, 1731.

Shewed & Deposed vnto by Mr Geo: Clayton & Philip
Ferneyhough before vs.

[Signed] Ra: Banks.

W. Pigot.

Joⁿ Plumb.

Tho. Tagg.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM TERRY OF THE CITY OF
CHESTER, BRASSFOUNDER. 1728.

WILLIAM TERRY of the City of Chester, founder. My body to the earth to be decently buried in Christian manner in the Parish Church of St. Martin's, in the City of Chester, under the stone where my wife Hannah now lieth. My debts, legacies, and funeral expenses to be paid out of my real and personal estate.

I give to Terry Davenport, son to Mosses Davenport, of the City of Chester, founder, my dwelling house in Hoolmes Lane, now in the occupation of William Leadsham, bricklayer, with the brew house and all the brewing vessels thereto belonging, to him and his heirs for ever.

I give to Thomas Davenport, son of Richard Davenport, now living in Manchester, founder, all that middle house and garden now in the occupation of Mathew Nobles, stuff weaver, he the said Thomas paying to his sister Thomasin Davenport 20s. yearly to her and her heirs for ever. To my kinswoman Mary Davenport, daughter to John Davenport, my dwelling house now in the occupation of William Glouer, with the garden and orchard, to her and her heirs for ever, if living, she paying 10s. yearly to the Parson of St. Martin's Church and his successors, on condition that they nor their successors shall not move nor cause to be removed my gravestone under which I am to be interred, lying in the upper chancel of the aforesaid Church, nor to put any person within my grave after me; if they do, the same 10s. yearly to be void, and also the money that I have hereunder given to the poor.

I give to the poor of the parish of St. Martin's 20s. yearly for ever, to be paid with the parson's legacy every Easter Monday for ever. To the parson of the said Church of St. Martin, one guinea. To my kinsman Richard, son of Mosses Davenport,

the house wherein Mrs Hall lives, and Ebenezer Coming and Jonathan Coggley, tailor, also live, with the shops and sellors thereunto belonging, during the term of the lease, he the said Richard paying to his three sisters, Elizabeth Davenport, Mary Davenport, and Martha Davenport, 20s. apiece yearly during the term of the lease, and if Mary Davenport, aunt to the said Richard Davenport, be dead without issue, then the said Richard shall enjoy the house and garden, &c., wherein William Glover now lives, to him and his heirs for ever, he paying the legacies to the parson of St. Martin's, and to pay more to his said three sisters, Elizabeth, Mary, and Martha Davenport the sum of 10s. apiece to them and their heirs for ever. To my kinsman Terry Piggott, son to Paul Piggott, £25. To his sister Hannah Piggott, £25. To Elizabeth, daughter to Mossis Davenport, Mary and Martha Davenport, daughters to Mossis Davenport, Terry Piggott, Hannah Piggott, Thomasin Davenport, daughter to Richard Davenport of Manchester, William Dickinson, son to Richard Dickinson of Liverpool, and to Elizabeth Dickinson, daughter of Richard Dickinson of Liverpool, I devise to them the sum of £20 yearly equally amongst them out of the estate of Gaston during the life of Richard Dickenson, watchmaker, if they survive me. To Jane Williams the house wherein I now dwell during the term of the lease. To Elizabeth Williams, daughter to the said Jane Williams, the house wherein Thomas Powell now dwells, during the lease, and the further sum of £4 10s. towards renewing the said lease. To Jane Williams and her daughter Elizabeth Williams the household goods now standing in the house where I now live equally amongst them. To Essabell Davenport, wife to Mossis Davenport, £5. To John Davenport of the City of Chester, founder, the sum of 12d., and also to Mossis Davenport of the City of Chester, founder, 12d. To Mary Dicas, wife to William Dicas of the City of Chester, tailor, 5s. I order the sum of £3 to be given as a dole in two-penny loaves to poor men and women, but not to children.

I appoint Thomas Dames of the City of Chester, mariner, and

Richard Gough of Chester, carpenter, my executors, and I leave them £5 apiece.

Dated 1st Jan., 1726-7.

THE
WILLIAM W TARRY.
MARKE OF

Signed, &c., in the presence of

William Glover.
Ebenazar Cumings.
Thomas Lamb.

[Proved at Chester, 27 April, 1728, by Richard Gough, one of the executors, Thomas Dames, the other executor, being dead.]

THE WILL OF RALPH HORTON OF LITTLE LEE,
CO. CHESTER, TAILOR. 1728.

RALPH HORTON, of Little Lee, co. Chester, Taylor. I devise my messuage wherein I myself and my kinsman Ralph Nickson, carpenter, now dwell, with the closes thereto belonging, to Francis Wrench of Ba[r]nton, co. Chester, Gent., his heirs and assigns, upon trust, that he the said Francis shall permit the rents, &c., of the said premises to be yearly paid to such preaching minister as shall preach for the time being on every Lord's Day at the Chapel of Little Leigh, which said Minister shall from time to time be chosen by the said Francis Wrench and his heirs and the freeholders within Little Leigh aforesaid, upon condition that the said Francis and his heirs shall pay within 12 months next after my decease the sum of £400 in manner hereinafter mentioned, which said £400 so to be paid

is the £100 given by Sr Robert Cotton, Bart., for a preaching Minister at Little Leigh Chapel, £100 other part of the said £400 is now collecting by the said Francis and others from kind benefactors to make the said £100 given by Sr Robert Cotton £200, in order to get her late Majesty Queen Ann and his late Majesty King George's bounty money, which, when obtained and paid as I hereafter appoint, is in consideration of my devising my said messuage, &c., as aforesaid, and not otherwise. I bequeath £200, part of the said £400, to my brother John Horton. I bequeath £20, other part thereof, to be put out at interest by my Executors, the interest thereof to be yearly paid to the Schoolmaster that for the time being shall teach a Grammar School at Little Leigh aforesaid. Also I give £20, other part thereof, to the taylors' meeting whereof I am one of that Society, and the same to be put out at interest by the Taylors of the said meeting, and the interest yearly paid as they shall think fit. I give £20, other part thereof, to the poor of Great Budworth Parish to be added to the Publick Stock. To Esther Worrall, servant to William Nickson, of Gogshall [? Cogshall], co. Chester, £10, other part of the said £400. To Randle Pierson, of Over Walton, co. Chester, £10, other part thereof, and the interest of £10, other part thereof, to the poor of Little Leigh aforesaid. Also I bequeath (upon the payment of the money) due to me upon William Rowland's Mortgage, the interest of £10 to the poor of Barnton aforesaid. I bequeath the interest of £100, remainder of the said £400, to a preaching minister at Little Leigh for the time being for ever. To my kinsman Ralph Nickson my Clock. To my said brother's two sons, William and John Horton, all my wearing apparel. To the said John Horton my "large folding." To my brother John Horton's three daughters, all my household goods, &c., equally amongst them. To the Rev. Mr Boordman, late preaching minister at Little Leigh, a guinea in gold to preach my funeral sermon. I appoint my loving friend Francis Wrench and my said nephews William and John Horton, Executors of this my

last will, and my loving friend Mr Hugh Wade of Northwich, co. Chester, overseer of the same.

Dated 12 Augst, 1728.

[Proved at Chester, 1728.]

THE WILL OF TABITHA NIGHTINGALE OF HEATH
CHARNOCK, CO. LANC., WIDOW. 1728.

23 NOV., 1727. I TABITHA NIGHTINGALL of Heath Charnock, co. Lanc., widow, and relict of Richard Nightingall, late of Heath Charnock aforesaid, gent. Whereas the said Richard Nightingall by his will bearing date the 28 March, 1724, *inter alia*, did devise [here follow recitals of the will and codicil of Richard Nightingale, printed at page 73].

And whereas all the legacies given by the said will are paid except £100 given to Tabitha Nightingall, the mother, £20 part of the legacy of £120 given to Miles Nightingall, and the legacies of £120 apiece given to Humphrey and Tabitha Nightingall, the daughter. Now I desire that the said sum of £800 shall be raised with all convenient speed, and the said sums due to my sons and daughter first paid, together with £10 which I give to the said Mr Ryley my son as a legacy for his daughter Tabitha, and to pay the same with the improvement thereof to his daughter when 21, and if his said daughter shall die, then to his daughter Ann Ryley, and in case she shall then be dead, then to my daughter Ryley, his wife, and all such children of my son and daughter Ryley as shall be then living. To my daughter Hannah Nightingall the chest of drawers in the room where I now lie. To my daughter Ryley my soud fustian curtains, counterpane, vallance, and bedstocks. To my son Miles Nightingall "the New Calamanva Night Gown that was his ffathers,"

the great silver cup that was given me by my husband, the plain gold ring I now wear, and two books, one called Exposition of the Old and New Testament, and the other Christian Directory. To my son Humphrey Nightingall the lesser silver cup, three silver spoons, two marked R T N and one R N., and a broad piece of gold. To my daughter Tabitha Nightingall the varnished chest of drawers in the house chamber, with the linnen in them, and one silver cup and tumbler with six silver spoons, my tea table, tea spoons, tea pots, Coffey pots, dishes, kettle, and all other my furniture belonging to a tea table, and my new Pillion Cloth and Pillion, the side saddle she now hath, the older great Bible and a broad piece of gold, the virginalls frame and stool given her by her father in his lifetime. To my said daughters Ryley and Tabitha Nightingall all my apparel equally between them. To my son William Nightingall I only give the great silver tankard and the great new bible, having already given him the £200 he owed me. All the residue of my goods, &c., together with the said cottage in Duxbury held under Sir Thomas Standish, and all other the personal estate of my late husband, I give to my said sons Miles Nightingall and Humphrey Nightingall and my daughter Tabitha Nightingall, equally to be divided between them. And I constitute and appoint the said James Ryley, Thomas Simpson, William Nightingall, Miles Nightingall, and Tabitha Nightingall executors of this my last will.

TABITHA NIGHTINGALL.

Witnesses—

[Signed] Richard Rothwell.

Mercy hesketh.

Rich^d Winstanley.

[Proved at Chester, 7 Nov., 1728, by Miles Nightingall and Tabitha Nightingall, two of the executors, James Ryley and Thomas Simpson having renounced. Power reserved to William Nightingall.]

THE WILL OF EDWARD DEWHURST OF BOLTON-
IN-LE-MOORS, CO. LANC., CHAPMAN. 1729.

EDWARD DEWHURST of Bolton-in-le-Moores, co. Lanc., Chapman. I give to the Rev. Mr Peter Seddon £10. And I give £100 to be placed forth at interest on good security, and the interest applied towards teaching and instructing such a number of poor children within Bolton aforesaid in the Assemblys Catechism, and for such other purposes as I shall by deed appoint. I bequeath to my daughter Jane, now wife of the Rev. Mr Samuel Astley, £800 for her own proper use. To my daughter Martha, now wife of Alexander Walker, £700 for her own proper use.

I devise all that burgage, &c., in Bolton, wherein I now inhabit, to Edward Walker, eldest son of the said Alexander Walker, if he shall live to attain the age of 21 years, but if he die, then I give the same to John Walker, second son of the said Alexander Walker, if he live to attain 21 years of age, but if he die, I give the said messuage, &c., to the eldest son of the said Alexander Walker, by Martha his wife. Remainder to the daughters of the said Alexander Walker, by the said Martha, equally amongst them. I give £400 equally amongst all the younger children of the said Alexander Walker by the said Martha his wife.

All the residue of my goods, &c., I give to the said Alexander Walker and Samuel Astley equally between them.

I make the said Alexander Walker, Martha his wife, Samuel Astley and Jane his wife, executors.

Dated 24 Sept., 1728.

EDW: DEWHURST.

Witnesses—

[Signed] Richard Winstanley.

Henry Moreton.

John Townley.

[Proved at Chester by the executors, 5 Feb., 1729.]

THE WILL OF ROBERT BILLINGE OF BILLINGE,
CO. LANC., YEOMAN. 1730.

5 TH Dec., 1728. I ROBERT BILLING of Billing, co. Lanc., yeoman.

Whereas I stand lawfully possessed of that messuage wherein I inhabit for the term of three lives, I bequeath the same to Ellen my daughter and her assigns when 21 years of age, subject to the reservations hereafter mentioned, that is to say, my will is that Jane my wife shall enjoy the parlour, two chambers over the same, and buttery at the south end of the said dwelling house, together with one half of the new orchard during her life, and also with the payment of £8 yearly to my said wife during her life, and the use of household goods with my daughter Ellen, and the rest of my goods and personal estate I give to my said daughter Ellen and her assigns; but if the said Ellen die before the age of 21 without issue lawfully begotten, the said Jane my wife shall enjoy the said messuage, &c., during her life. And all the goods, &c., found at my daughter Ellen's death I give to John, Alice, Thomas, and Henry, my brothers and sister, equally amongst them, except my wearing apparel, which shall be equally given betwixt John Smith of Bold and my brother Henry Billing.

I appoint the said Jane my wife and William Cowley of Pemberton, tanner, my executors.

ROBERT BILLINGE.

Witnesses—

[Signed] Joseph Rigby.
Tomas Billinge.
Tho : Mather.

[Proved 23 June, 1730, by Jane Billing, widow, the executrix, William Cowley the executor renouncing.]

Endorsed—

Inrolled according to the form of the Statute before Robert Duckinfield and Robert Booth, Esquires, Justices of the Peace in the County of Lancaster, and George Kenyon, Esq., Clerk of the Peace, 25 Sept., 5 George II. [1731.]

THE WILL OF WILLIAM HAYHURST OF PARKHEAD
IN WHALLEY, CO. LANC., GENTLEMAN.¹ 1731.

WILLIAM HAYHURST of Parkhead in Whalley, co. Lanc., gent., being aged and infirm of body. My body to the earth, to be carried to the grave by eight such poor persons, housekeepers in Whalley township, as my executrix shall appoint.

First I devise all the remainder of my estate in Poolton and in the Fild, co. Lanc. (not settled in jointure), to my wife for her life, and also all my household goods and the use of my plate, and after her decease the plate to my son.

To my son all the plate that was given me by my late wife's relations or friends, and all my library of Books, except such as my wife shall choose for her own use.

To my wife all my tea table plate and china, which cost me above £20, and all my watches, rings, and jewels, and the sum of £400 over and above the £100 contracted for before marriage.

Whereas I have subscribed £20 towards procuring procuring Queen Ann's bounty for the Chapel of Lango, which I fear will not succeed, and if it doth not I give the same to such poor indigent housekeepers in Billington as my executrix shall appoint, and after her decease to such as my heirs shall nominate, the interest thereof to be yearly distributed on every St. Thomas

¹ In Gregson's *Portfolio of Fragments*, new edition, p. 291, the arms of this family, in a window in Whalley Church, are stated to be Argent, a chevron Azure, charged with a sun *Or*, between three hay-rakes proper.

Day, and I appoint the £10 for which I have given Bond to be paid to the poor of Whalley, shall be paid out of my personal estate, and all my other debts, except those owing on the determination of my accounts in the Duchy Court at Westminster, for the clearing whereof I gave to my said son my office of Receiver of the Duchy Revenue, and for the performance whereof he hath given me his bond. I bequeath to my said son all the residue of my personal estate whatsoever, upon condition he clear my said accounts and save my executrix harmless.

I ordain my said dear wife my full, whole, and sole executrix.

Dated 7 June, 1728.

W^m HAYHURST.
[Armorial seal.]

Witnesses—

[Signed] M : Yate.
Margarett Cross.
W^m Smalley.

4 Sept., 1730. Alicia Hayhurst of Parkhead in Whalley, co. Lanc., widow, the sole executrix, renounces in favour of Robert Hayhurst, gentleman, son and heir of the said William Hayhurst, deceased.

18 May, 1731. Bond by Robert Hayhurst of Whalley, co. Lanc., gent., to administer the goods, &c., of William Hayhurst, gent, deceased.

1 June, 1731. Administration granted [at Chester] to Robert Hayhurst, son of the deceased.]

THE WILL OF JOHN HOCKENHULL OF PRENTON
IN WOODCHURCH, CO. CHESTER, ESQ^{RE}. 1733.

JOHN HOCKENHULL of Prenton, parish of Woodchurch, co. Chester, Esq^{re}. To my daughter Ann Hockenhull £500 when 21 years of age. To my wife Katherine¹ one third part of my estate, personal and real, that shall be out of lease at my decease, during her life; and I give her that house in Liverpool which my grandfather gave me, during her life, and after her decease I give the said house, &c., to my son George,² if alive, but if not, I give the same to my daughter Ann. All the residue of my estates I grant and bequeath to my son George Hockenhull, paying what is ordered to be discharged by my late father's will and settlement. I appoint The Rev. M^r Thomas Green, Rector of Woodchurch, and the Rev. M^r John Hodson, Rector of Thurstanston, and my wife Katherine Hockenhull, executors.

Dated 22 July, 1728.

JNO. HOCKENHULL.

Witnesses—

Jonas Parr.

Rich^d Smith.

Hannah Molyneux.

CODICIL dated 22 July, 1728.

It is my will that my daughter Ann shall have paid her from my real estate at Prenton £10 yearly till she arrives at the age of 14 years, and when she arrives at the said age of 14 years she shall have £15 a year till she arrive at the age of 21 years. And in case my wife Katherine Hockenhull dies before my

¹ Daughter of Molyneux of Hawley, near Wigan, co. Lanc. ; married 21 Dec., 1723. (*Ormerod*, vol. ii. p. 532.)

² Afterwards of Prenton. See his will, *infra*.

daughter Ann attains 21 years of age, then my daughter shall have £25 a year for her maintenance till she be 21 years of age. All my wife's fortune which shall be unpaid at my decease, and all the money which shall be raised by leasing before my decease shall be paid to my executors towards the payment of my debts, and my brothers' and sisters' portions left them by my father.

J^{no} HOCKENHULL.

Witnesses—

Hannah Molyneux.

J^{no} Oxton.Rich^d Smith.

[Proved at Chester by Catherine Hockenhull, widow, one of the executors, power reserved to Thomas Green, clerk, the other, 12 July, 1733.]

THE WILL OF CHRISTOPHER BARON OF
KUNSDEN IN OSWALDTWISLE, CO.
LANC., GENTLEMAN. 1734.

CHRISTOPHER BARON of Kunsden within Oswaldtwisle,
co. Lanc., gent.

I bequeath my tenement in Duckworth within Oswaldtwisle, which I am entitled to in right of Anne my wife for certain lives by a lease made thereof by Mr Andrew Holden, or some of his ancestors, to my wife and her assigns, and a third part of all my household goods, &c. To my daughter Alice £200, and to my daughter Anne the like sum of £200, out of my goods. And as concerning the residue of my said goods, after payment of my debts and funeral expenses, I give the same to my executors to be distributed amongst my daughters and my younger sons Christopher and George Baron, in such shares as to them, my said executors, shall seem most convenient.

And as concerning my copyhold messuage and tenement called the Broad Oak, and the lands, &c., thereto belonging, within the Manor of Accrington, now in the possession of James ffenton, I devise the same to my son Christopher Baron, but if he die before attaining the age of 21 years, I devise the same to my son George.

And as concerning my copyhold messuage, lands, &c., in Huntcoat in Accrington, in the possession of Thomas Pilkington, and my messuage, &c., in Oswaldtwistle called Roegrave, now in the possession of John Duxbury, and a moiety of my other messuage, &c., purchased by me and Mr James Whalley amongst other lands from the Rt. Hon. Viscount ffauconberg, I devise the same to my son George Baron, if he live to attain 21 years of age; but if not, I devise the same to my son Christopher Baron.

I devise to Anne my wife one annuity of £20 out of my messuage, &c., called Kunsden in Oswaldtwistle aforesaid, and Livesay, during her life. And as concerning my messuages, lands, &c., in Oswaldtwistle, which were lately purchased by me and the said Mr James Whalley from the said Lord ffauconberg (subject to the said annuity), I devise the same to my executors in trust to raise £1,000, and to pay the same as follows:—£500 to my two younger sons Christopher and George Baron equally between them when 21, if my eldest son Henry Baron shall live to attain 21 years of age, but if not, then the said £500 to be paid to the said George, and the other £500 to be paid equally between my two daughters Alice and Anne, with benefit of survivorship, and then the said premises shall be to the use of my son Henry Baron for ever, charged with the said annuity, and likewise I give him all my moiety of the Manor or Lordship of Oswaldtwistle.

Dated 26 Feb., 1727[8].

CHRIS: BARON.
[Armorial seal.]

Witnesses—

[Signed] Jn^o Ainsworth.

John Brewer.

John Bailey.

CODICIL. My executors shall only raise £750 out of the premises mentioned in my will, and pay the same as follows:—

To my son Christopher, £100. To my son George Baron, £150, with proviso as in my will, and the other £500 to my daughters Alice and Anne. In case the said James Whalley shall be desirous to make a partition of the messuages, lands, &c., purchased by me and the said James Whalley from Lord ffauconberg, during the minority of my son and heir, I hereby empower my executors to join with the said James Whalley in making a partition thereof.

Dated 4 April, 1730.

CHRIS: BARON.

Witnesses—

[Signed] Chris: Hall.

Law : Parkinson.

John Cunliffe.

[Proved at Chester by Ann Baron and Henry Cunliffe, the executors. Oct. 29, 1734.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS BARON OF WALSHAW
WITHIN TOTTINGTON, IN THE PARISH OF
BURY, CO. LANC., YEOMAN. 1734.

19 NOV., 1732. I THOMAS BARON of Walshaw within
Tottington, in the parish of Bury, co. Lanc., yeoman,
being aged.

Whereas I am interested in and possessed of certain copyhold messuages, lands, &c., within the manors of Accrington and Holcom or Tottington, co. Lanc., at Dean's Grave, Flax Mosse or Haslingden, now in the occupation of John Hoile and George Barnes, also at Walshaw in the manor of Tottington, now in the possession of me the testator and of John Hunt. It is my will that James Baron of Reddivals, in the parish of Bury, co. Lanc., yeoman, and Edmund Wood of Turton, in the parish of Bolton, co. Lanc., yeoman, and their heirs stand seised as feoffees in trust of the said premises to the uses declared in this my will, and all to be done according to the customs of the manors of Tottington and Accrington.

As concerning my messuages, lands, &c., at Deanes-grave, now in the occupation of John Hoile, both freehold and copyhold, I devise the same to my daughter Elizabeth during her life, and empower her to give the same by her last will to who she pleaseth. My messuages, lands, &c., in Flax Mosse and Haselingden, now in the possession of George Barnes, I devise to my daughter Mary during her life, with power to give the same as aforesaid. All my messuages, lands, &c., which I purchased from Samuel Lomax, situate in Ainsworth in the parish of Middleton, co. Lanc., I devise the same to my son Peter and his heirs for ever, and that my son Peter enter upon the same at my death for his education and maintenance. To my son Peter and his heirs for ever, my messuage, land, &c., in Walshaw, now in mine and John Hunt's possession, together with a tenement in Lostock or Heaton in the parish of Deane, commonly called Dobbill, which I hold by lease. To my son Peter £100 out of my personal estate, when 21 or married, and to have the interest during his minority.

And whereas my father Titus Baron did in his last will give to my brother Peter Baron a messuage, lands, &c., in Graine, in which there is some acres of fee or free farm land, which by right of heirship belongeth to me, I devise the same to my brother Peter Baron, his heirs and assigns for ever. I give to my brother

Peter Baron, £5. To my daughter Ellen, £300 when 21 or married. And whereas I stand intituled by indenture of lease to a messuage, lands, &c., in a place called Parke-lane in the parish of Mackelsfeild, co. Chester, I therefore give all my right there to my wife. All the rest of my lands and tenements, both freehold messuages, copyhold, and leasehold, I give to my son Samuel on condition that he pay to my daughter Elizabeth 50s. a year during her life, and the further sum of £50 to whomsoever my daughter Elizabeth shall appoint by her last will or otherwise.

If either my son Peter or daughter Ellen die in their minority and leave no issue, then what I have given them of my personal estate shall be given equally amongst all my children. And if my son Peter die in his minority and leave no issue, my son Samuel shall have all the real estate that I have herein given to the said Peter his brother, on condition that he pay to his three sisters £100 apiece. All the residue of my personal estate, after payment of my debts, &c., I give to my wife. I nominate and ordain my wife, my brother Peter Baron, and my sons Samuel and Peter, joint executors.

THOMAS BARON.

Witnesses—

[Signed] James Holt.

Ann Aspinwall.

Ralph Smith.

CODICIL.—Whereas I bequeathed to my son Peter a certain copyhold messuage, lands, &c., in the possession of John Hunt. I hereby make void the said bequest, and bequeath the same premises to my son Samuel, on condition that he pay to my son Peter £100.

Dated 27 Nov., 1732.

THOMAS BARON.
HIS T MARKE.

Witnesses—

[Signed] Elizabeth Kay.

Ralph Barlow.

Ralph Smith.

[Proved at Chester by Elizabeth Baron, widow, Peter Baron, brother, and Samuel Baron, son of the deceased, three of the executors (power reserved to Peter Baron, son of the deceased, a minor, the other executor), 17 June, 1734.]

THE WILL OF WILLIAM CHISENHALL OF CHISENHALL,
CO. LANC. 1736.

WILLIAM CHISENHALL¹ of Chisenhale, co. Lanc. My debts and funeral expenses shall be fully paid out of my personal estate, and I devise all the residue of my personal estate to my well-beloved wife Ellin Chisenhale.

And as concerning my real estate, I devise all that part thereof which I have purchased, or whereof I am seized in fee simple, to my said dear wife and her heirs for ever.

And as concerning all the residue of my lands, &c., whereof I have not only an estate for life in possession, but also a remainder or reversion expectant on the death of myself and of John Hammerton, son of Stephen Hammerton, Esq., and the respective heirs male of our several bodies successively, I devise the same to my very worthy friend Mr James Daniel of Warrington, his heirs and assigns for ever, whom I hereby ordain and appoint sole executor of this my will.

Dated 6 Aug., 1729.

WILL' CHISENHALL.

¹ Son of Sir Edward Chisenhall. See his will, page 87, *ante*.

Witnesses—

[Signed] Ger : Buxton.
Jennett Buxton.
John Anzlark.

[Endorsed]

Will of Edward [*sic* for William] Chisenhale, late of Chisenhale, Esq., deceased, exhibited and administration granted [at Chester] to James Daniel, sole executor, 24 Nov., 1736.

[Also endorsed]:—

Between James Daniel, gent., and Ellen Chisenhale, widow, Complainants, and Stephen Hamerton, Esq., Anne his wife, John Hamerton, Esq., and Edward Dauntesey, Esq., Defendants. } 8 Nov., 1736.
Shewn and deposed unto on the Plaintiff's part at the execution of a commission at Wigan out of the Chancery of Lancashire, by Mr John Anzlark German Buxton, Elizabeth Taylor, widow.

Before us.

[Signed] Thos^s Starkie.
Rob^t Leigh.
Ja : Naylor.
Hen : Smith.

THE WILL OF SEYMOUR CHOLMONDELEY OF
ASTLE, CO. CHESTER, ESQ.¹ 1739.

SEYMOUR CHOLMONDELEY, now of Astle, co. Chester, Esq.
And as to my dear Carcass (having promised my dear wife

¹ Fourth son of Thomas Cholmondeley of Vale Royal. Born at Vale Royal in 1690; married in 1728 the widow of Robert Cholmondeley of Holford (see his will, page 92), and died at Astle in 1739, having had issue one child, Anne, who died an infant in 1732.

to be buried near her) I desire it may be put within the vault of Lower Peover Chapel belonging to the Manor House of Holford, in the said County (if whoever is the owner of that vault will give leave), with no more Cost or Ceremony than a common farmer.

All my debts, funeral expences, and legacies to be paid with all convenient speed, and I hereby charge all my real estate with the due payment thereof. And to that end and purpose I devise to Peter Brooke of Meir, co. Chester, Esq., Samuel Egerton of Tatton, co. Chester, Esq., and William Stanley of the Park within Alderley, co. Chester, Esq., their heirs and assigns, all such parts of the Manors of Holford and Plumley, otherwise Plumley-cum-Holford, co. Chester, and all the messuages, lands, &c., in Holford, Plumley, otherwise Plumley-cum-Holford, Birches, Basford, and Greasty-cum-Shavington, or elsewhere, whereof I am now seised in possession, reversion, or otherwise, to hold upon trust to sell the same, and with the money thereby arising to pay my just debts, funeral expences, and legacies, and to place the surplus money out at interest to the only use of my dearest mother¹ during her life, and after her decease to my dearest sister Joanna Meredith, now the wife of Amos Meredith of Henbury, in the said county, Esq.,² during her life, to her own sole use, and after her death the principal and interest equally amongst her children in such shares as she the said Joanna shall direct, and for default of such direction equally amongst all her said children.

Item, to my nephew William Meredith, all my books to be delivered to him by my executors as soon as he shall come to an age fit to use them, and in the meantime to be carefully preserved for his use.

And as concerning all my jewels, plate, ready money, household goods, &c., I give the same to the said Peter Brooke,

¹ Anne, daughter of Sir Walter St. John of Battersea, bart. She died in 1742.

² Eldest son of Sir William Meredith of Henbury, bart.

Samuel Egerton, and William Stanley, in trust, to suffer my mother to have the use thereof during her life, and after her death to restore the same to my said sister for her sole use and benefit. And I hereby nominate and appoint the said Peter Brooke, Samuel Egerton, and William Stanley, Executors of this my last will.

S: CHOLMONDELEY.

Dated 5 May, 1739.

Sealed, &c., in the presence of

[Signed] Peter Mainwaring.

Philip Fernyhough.

Jo: Stafford.

CODICIL.—I give to the poor of the several townships wherein my late wife's former husband had any estate so much money as will make up the money his mother left them to the sum of £100. Mr Thomas Preistnal knows how the account stands.

And I give to John Oxton of Higher Bebington, co. Chester, yeoman, William Babington of Northwich, innkeeper, and to my servant Peter Blease, £20 apiece, as an acknowledgment of their uncommon care and kindness in this my long illness. To my old servant Mary Kerfoot, £10.

Dated 6 May, 1739.

[Signed and witnessed as above.]

CODICIL.—Whereas in the devise of my real estate I have omitted to make particular mention of the Manor of Lostock Gralam, Now I hereby give all my interest in the said Manor to my said trustees upon the trusts in my said will mentioned concerning my real estate.

And I hereby declare that it is not through any disrespect to my brother Cholmondeley's children that I have not in my will given them any legacies, but because I have considered that they

are well provided for out of their father's estate, and my sister Meredith's children are more numerous, and have not so good a provision for them.

And whereas I have given to William Babington by a former codicil £20, in case he shall through my interest get the place I have solicited for him, then the said legacy shall not be paid to him. I give my ruby ring with hair under it to The Hon. Mrs Henrietta Knight, and my blue ring set with diamonds to The Rt. Hon. Lady Elizabeth Warren.

S. CHOLMONDELEY.

Dated 19 June, 1739.

Witnesses—

[Signed] Philip Fernyhough.
John Deane.
Jo: Stafford.

[Proved at Chester by the executors, 21 Sept., 1739.]

THE WILL OF BANISTER HALSTED OF ROWLEY,
CO. LANC., GENTLEMAN. 1739.

BANISTRE HALSTED of Rowley, co. Lanc., gent., 1st March, 1737[8]. Whereas I have by surrender bearing date the 15th May, 1734, surrendered into the hands of the then Lady of the Manor of Igthenhill, certain messuages, lands, &c., in Burnley, co. Lanc., of the yearly rent to the said Lady of 11s. 11d. To the use of John Halsted of Bridgend and Thomas Whittaker of Holme, co. Lanc., gent., and their heirs, in trust to the use of my last will.

Now my will is that the said feoffees shall be seised of the said premises, To the use of me during my life, and after my decease, of all those two messuages in Burnley aforesaid, late in

the tenure of Joseph Wood and Robert Law, and now in the occupation of John Whittaker, George Smith, and Robert Fletcher, and Nicholas Halsted, and one close of land in Saxisfield Lane adjoining to Swinglehurst Yate, containing about 2 acres, and in the possession of Robert Wade, To the use of Susan my now wife for her life, provided she claim no dower from any other of my messuages, lands, &c., and in case she shall claim the same, then to the use of my eldest son Charles for ever, And after the death of my said wife or of me, as the case shall happen, to the use of my son Charles for ever.

And concerning all other my messuages, lands, &c., both freehold and copyhold, wheresoever within the Parish of Whaley, co. Lanc., I charge the same with the payment of £800 equally between my son Lawrence Halsted and such child as Susan my now wife is big with, provided the same unborn child be a male child ; but if a female child, then I give £500 of the said £800 to the said Lawrence my son, and the remaining £300 to such female child. And in case the said Lawrence shall die, I give the said £500 to my said son Charles Halsted, And if such unborn child die before the age of 16 years unmarried, then I give such child's fortune equally between my sons Charles and Lawrence, and I also charge the same last mentioned premises with the payment of my debts, &c. And after payment thereof, and the said £800, I give the same premises to my son Charles Halsted for ever. To Susan my wife the chest of drawers, the dressing table, glass, bedstead, &c., in the Great Parlour Chamber at Rowley, and all the tea table implements, the great glass, the little Japan Cupboard, and the six oak chairs in the Little New Parlour at Rowley, and one cow.

I give all the residue of my household goods, &c., to my son Charles Halsted. And as to my plate, I give one half thereof to my son Charles Halsted and the other to my son Lawrence and the said unborn child equally between them, the share of such dying before the age of 16 I give to my son Charles Halsted.

I give to William ffolds, the son of John ffolds the younger, of Dancerhouse, all my Law Books. To Susan my wife all my interest in the two messuages in Saxifield called the Bullcon's (?) Close and Wade Tenement. Lastly, I nominate the said John Halsted sole executor.

B: HALSTED.
[Armorial seal.]

Witnesses—

[Signed] Eliz: Miller.
Ob: ffolds.
Jo: ffolds.

[Proved at Chester by the sole executor, 20 Oct., 1739.]

THE WILL OF RICHARD MEE OF OVER PEOVER,
CO. CHESTER, GENTLEMAN. 1740.

IN the name of God, Amen. I RICHARD MEE of Over Peover, co. Chester, gentleman. My body I commit to the earth to be buried in manner following, viz.: I order that my funeral shall be as private as may be, and that my body be carried by eight persons to be chosen by my wife and daughter, or the survivor of them, to each of whom I give 1s. and a pair of gloves of like value, and I order my body to be laid in Lower Peover Churchyard by the side of my late dear mother, if leave can be had, but if not, to be buried in Over Peover Churchyard at the discretion of my executor hereinafter named, but I order that there be no sermon at my funeral, but I give to the Minister of the place where I shall be buried one guinea, and I order that none of my relations shall be at my funeral except my wife and children. First, all my debts and funeral charges shall be paid out of my personal estate. I give to my daughter Anne Mee

the room in my now dwelling house which she usually lies in, and liberty to make use of the Little Parlour, the Kitchen, the Garret where my books are, the Closet to it, the brewhouse, cellar, oven, pump, little house, the gardens, and room to lay fuel in, and such other part of my said dwelling house as she shall have occasion for during so long of my wife's life as my said daughter shall live sole and unmarried, and no longer (except such parts of the said premises as I have hereinafter given to my daughter-in-law ffrances Mee), for her own habitation, but not to let to any other. And in case my said daughter ffrances Mee shall be desirous to live in my said dwelling house during her widowhood, it is my will that she shall have liberty so to do, and in such case I give her the room to the front of the said house which she now lies in and the closet adjoining, during so long as she shall continue my son's widow; but if she marries again or sets the same to any other person, this devise to her to be void. And it is my will and I order that my old servant Mary Yarwood shall have the free use of the Parlour and the room over it in the old house in Over Peover aforesaid, wherein I heretofore lived, for herself whilst she lives unmarried, but no longer, with liberty to get one cart load of turves from my moss room in Over Peover aforesaid. I give to the said Mary Yarwood the clear yearly rent charge of £3, and to my brother Thomas Mee the clear yearly rent charge of £5, both to be payable out of all my lands, &c., in Over Peover aforesaid (except the said premises given to the said Anne Mee, ffrances Mee, and Mary Yarwood as aforesaid), with power to distrain for the same. And subject to the several estates, devises, and rents aforesaid, I devise all my messuages, lands, &c., with their appurtenances (mortgages excepted), to my dear wife Jane and her assigns during her life. And after her decease I devise the same (subject as aforesaid) to Thomas Gorst of Newton, near Middlewich, co. Chester, gentleman, and his assigns for the term of 21 years, to raise the sum of £300, and to pay the same to my grand-daughter Elizabeth Mee, daughter of my late son Hugh Mee, if then living.

And after the raising thereof or payment thereof by the person entitled to the said premises by virtue of this my will, after the expiration of the said term of 21 years, or after the death of the said Elizabeth Mee or my said daughter Anne Mee without issue, and from and after the expiration or sooner determination of the said term of 21 years, I devise all my said messuages, lands, &c., to my said dear daughter Anne Mee and her assigns during her life. Remainder to the said Thomas Gorst and his heirs to preserve the contingent remainders. Remainder to the first and other sons of the said Anne Mee, successively, and their heirs in tail. Remainder to the daughters of the said Anne Mee and their heirs, to hold as tenants in common. Remainder to my said grand-daughter Elizabeth Mee during her life. Remainder to the said Thomas Gorst and his heirs to preserve the contingent remainders. Remainder to the first and other sons of the said Elizabeth Mee, successively, and their heirs in tail. Remainder to the daughters of the said Elizabeth Mee and their heirs, to hold as tenants in common. And for default of such issue I hereby charge the said premises with the sum of £800 to be paid as follows, that is to say, £100 to my daughter-in-law Frances Mee, if living, or to her issue, £150 to the issue of my late brother Hugh Mee, £150 to the issue of my late sister Martha Leech, £200 to the issue of my late sister Elizabeth Yarwood, £150 to be placed out at interest, and the interest paid to my sister Sarah Lowe during her life, and afterwards the said sum of £150 to be paid to her issue. And £50 residue of the said £800 to be placed out at interest, and the interest thereof yearly applied to buy books to increase the Study of books by me hereinafter appointed to continue at the house where I now live for ever. And subject to the payment of the said sum of £800, I devise all my said messuages, lands, &c., to the said Thomas Gorst, his heirs and assigns for ever. And whereas I am possessed of a messuage, lands, &c., in Great Budworth, co. Chester, which I hold by lease from Sir George Warburton, Bart., in which lease only the life of my said daughter Anne

Mee is now in being. My will is and I appoint that in case the lives of my said grand-daughter Elizabeth Mee and Elizabeth Gorst, daughter of the before-named Thomas Gorst, shall not be added to the life now in being in my lifetime, then my executor shall take out of my personal estate so much money as shall be sufficient to add the lives of the said Elizabeth Mee and Elizabeth Gorst, and shall surrender the lease now in being and take a new lease thereof for the lives of my said daughter Anne Mee and the said Elizabeth Mee and Elizabeth Gorst, and I devise the same leasehold messuage, &c., And also the messuage and tenement in Peover which I hold by lease under Sir ffrancis Leicester, Bart., in case I don't sell it in my lifetime, to the said Thomas Gorst and his assigns, upon trust, to permit my said dear wife and her assigns to receive the rents and profits thereof for her life, and after her death to be applied towards raising the said £300 for my said grand-daughter Elizabeth Mee, and afterwards the said leasehold premises shall go along with my lands of inheritance. I give out of my personal estate the legacies following:—To my said daughter Anne Mee all the furniture of the room wherein she usually lies, one half of all my linen and pewter, one half of all my silver spoons, my tea table and all its furniture, the silver cup that was my son Samuel's, the bed and furniture thereto, and the drawers and chairs in the garret where the books are. I give to the before-named Mary Yarwood the bed and other furniture of the room she lies in, four ash chairs in the hall, and three pair of good coarse sheets such as she usually lies in. I give to my wife during her life only the free use of my plate, linen, and household goods, not hereinbefore by me given, and after her death I give the same to my said daughter Anne Mee. I give to my wife, £20. To the overseers of the poor of the township of Over Peover, £100, in trust, to be by them placed out at interest, and the interest thereof to be paid yearly to Alice Mee of Over Peover aforesaid, spinster, during her life, and after her death, in case she die indebted more than her effects will amount to pay, I order that so much of her debts

as her effects shall fall short of paying shall be discharged out of the interest of the said £100, so as not above one year's interest shall be applied for that purpose. And afterwards the interest of the said sum shall be applied in putting out such poor children apprentices who shall then have legal settlements in Over Peover aforesaid, so as such children be put out to persons who shall then be inhabitants and legally settled in some other township, to be from time to time chosen by the Minister and Overseers of the poor of Over Peover aforesaid. I give to Deborah, daughter of my late sister Martha Leech, £5. To my sister-in-law Dorothy Mee, £10, if living at my death, but if not, I give the same to Richard Postles of Nether Peover, joiner, and if he shall be dead, I give the same equally amongst his children then living. To my sister Sarah Lowe, £5, if living at my death, but if not, to Sarah her daughter. To the before-named Thomas Gorst, £100, upon trust, to be placed out at interest, and the interest thereof to be paid to Mrs Jane Hurst, one of the daughters of my late dear friend Mr William Hurst of Sandbach, deceased, for her separate use, and after her decease the said £100 shall be paid to such child or children of hers as she shall appoint, and for want of such issue, I give the same to my daughter-in-law Frances Mee. To my old servant Joseph Yarwood, 40s. To my said grand-daughter Elizabeth Mee, £200, when 21 years of age, but if she die before without issue, then I give the said £200 to my said daughter-in-law Frances Mee. I give to the said Thomas Gorst and his assigns, All my books and pamphlets, upon trust, to suffer the same to be kept and preserved at the house where I now live for ever for the benefit of the owners thereof for the time being, and my daughter Anne Mee and my daughter-in-law Frances Mee shall have liberty to read any of the said books within the said house, provided they carefully use the same and don't imbezzle any of them. And if the room I shall leave them in will not hold them and such other books as are hereby directed to be added to them, then the next room to it shall be used for that purpose. I order and appoint that my

executor shall at my death take two catalogues of all the said books, and leave one of them with the person from time to time living in the said house, and the other by my executor, who shall once every year come to view the said books, and if any of them shall be wanting or not kept in good condition by the person with whom they shall be intrusted, my will is that such person shall pay to my executor or his heirs double the value of such book or books, or else shall for ever be debarred from reading or having access to any of the said books. And I order my executor to lock them up if he shall think there is occasion so to do. And I hereby declare that the said several devises and legacies for the benefit of my said wife and daughter shall be in full satisfaction of the provision made or agreed to be made for them by my Marriage Articles, and all other articles by me made. I give to the before-named Thomas Gorst (whom I constitute and appoint sole executor of this my will), £100 over and above all his expences in the execution hereof.

Dated 10 Feb., 1732[3].

RICH. MEE.

Sealed, &c., in the presence of

Alex^{dr} Woodward. Sam^l Wilkinson. Sam. Hulse.

[Proved at Chester, 16 April, 1740, by the executor.]

[Endorsed] :—

“He dy’d 30 July, 1738.”

THE WILL OF PETER STARKEY OF HOUGH, PARISH
OF WILMSLOW, CO. CHESTER, GENT. 1753.

I PETER STARKEY of the Hough, in the parish of Wilmslow and county of Chester, Gent., weak in body; to be decently buried in the Parish Church of Flixton in Lancashire (as near to

my father and mother as conveniently may be). To my kinswoman Mary Taylor, 1 silver tankard, 2 silver half-pint mugs or pots, 3 silver Castors, 6 silver spoons, all with my Coat of Arms on, six tea spoons, my watch, rings, shoe buckles, and knee buckles, and my silver spurs, and silver hilted sword, to be used by her with discretion for her natural life. But if she shall think proper to give them before as they are hereafter bequeathed, I leave it to her own discretion, and not to be compelled to the contrary by her husband John Taylor. And after her decease I give the same to her son Thomas Potts, son of the late Thomas Potts of Styall. To Mary Potts, 1 silver pint mug. I will that all my stock, both within doors and without, be sold towards payment of my just debts, and the overplus, if any there be, to be equally divided between Mary Potts and Thomas Potts, daughter and son of the said Mary Taylor. To the said Thomas Potts all my wearing apparel, both woollen and linen, and three guns and a case of pistols, and all my books and a Hanger. And also, as I have upwards of £300 due to me from my late kinsman Robert Meares, I dispose of it as follows:—£50 part thereof I give to discharge a certain debt which I shall not herein mention, and as I have communicated the same to my Executrix, I trust she will see the same executed. All the remainder of the said money I give to the said Thomas and Mary Potts (but my will is that my kinswoman Mary Taylor shall have the interest thereof for her own use until the said children come to their ages of 21 years), but my will is that her husband shall have nothing to do therewith. I give to my kinsman John Taylor the mare I ride called Jinney. Lastly, I nominate my kinswoman Mary Taylor sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament.

Dated 6 March, 1741[2].

PETER STARKEY.
[Seal bearing a bird with a palm branch over its head.]

Signed, sealed, &c., in presence of
Jeffery Barrow.
Ann Barrow.

Jan. 20, 1753. Mary Taylor, the within-named sole Executrix,
took the oath in common form before me,
Sam^l Sanders, Surrogate.

Probate issued [at Chester] on the 18th June, 1753.

In the Exchequer at Chester, Between John Brocklehurst and
others, Complainants, and John Taylor and others, defendants.

25 Feb., 1755. Produced and shown on executing a commis-
sion for examining witnesses in this cause, and deposed unto by
Jeffery Barrow before us,

Ja. Wright.
R. Furnivall.

THE WILL OF EDWARD LEECH OF SALFORD,
CO. LANC., GENTLEMAN. 1759.

THIS is the last will and testament of me, EDWARD LEECH
of Salford, co. Lanc., gentleman, made the 6th August,
1759.

I bequeath to my godson Edward Hulme of Holland, in the
said County, £30. To my cosen Samuel Leech of London,
gentleman, £100. To the Churchwardens of the new Church of
Culcheth in the said County, £20 to be laid out in the pur-
chasing of silver plate for the use of the said Church. To Mary
Johnson, daughter of Thomas Johnson of Salford aforesaid,
weaver, £5. To Mary Sanders, my servant, the yearly sum of

£5 during her life, with power to distrain in case of non-payment of the same rent. Also I give to the said Mary Sanders a suit of mourning, if she continues to live with me at the time of my decease. To my servant James Prescot, £10. To my cousin Margaret Cason of Preston, in the said County, £31 10s. To my friends William Crompton of Manchester, in the said County, gentleman, the Rev. Timothy featherstone Haugh [Featherstonehaugh], Clerk, and the Rev. Edward Pool the younger, of Oughton [Aughton], in the parish of Ormskirk in the said County, clerk (my Executors hereinafter named), £5 apiece. And all the residue of my personal estate I bequeath to my cousin John Leech of London, gentleman.

I devise to the said William Crompton, Timothy featherstone Haugh, and Edward Pool the younger, their heirs and assigns for ever, All those my messuages, lands, &c., situate in the parish of Manchester, and in the parish of Ashton-under-line, and in Salford, and in Little Woolden in the parish of Eccles, and in Bedford in the parish of Leigh,¹ and in Warrington, all in the County of Lancaster, during all my term therein, upon the trusts and to the uses hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, To the use of my said cousin John Leech and his assigns during his life. Remainder to the said William Crompton, &c., upon trust, to preserve the contingent remainders. Remainder to the first and other sons of the said John Leech, successively, and their heirs male in tail male. Remainder to the daughters of the said John Leech, and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, as tenants in common. Remainder to the said William

¹ In a previous will dated 18 Feb., 1754, but revoked by this one, the testator devised his messuage, lands, &c., in Bedford, in the parish of Leigh, including "the barn and shippon, part of the premises, being by me lately converted into a School, and now used as such," to trustees for the purpose of the said school being used "as a Charity School for the education of such poor children as are inhabitants of and belonging to the said township of Bedford, and that the yearly profits of the same premises shall be applied towards the maintenance of the Schoolmaster for the time being, to be nominated by my said trustees or their successors for ever." (Note by the late Mr. J. P. Earwaker, M.A., F.S.A.)

Crompton, &c., for the term of 500 years upon the trust herein-after mentioned. Remainder to my own right heirs for ever.

Provided always that it shall be lawful for the said John Leech to charge the said premises with any sum not exceeding £800 for the portion or portions of his younger child or children.

And I hereby declare that the true meaning of limiting the said term of 500 years to the said William Crompton, &c., is upon special trust, that they the said William Crompton, &c., shall out of the rents and profits of the said premises, or by lease or mortgage thereof, raise the sum of £200, and put the same sum out at interest, and the same interest yearly expend in the purchase of woollen cloth to be made into garments, and yearly distributed on St. Thomas' Day among such of the poor inhabitants of Warrington aforesaid, as the said William Crompton, &c., and their heirs shall appoint, and after the raising of the said sum, then the said term of 500 years shall cease and determine.

Provided always and I hereby declare that the said provision for cloth so as aforesaid by me hereby before made for the poor inhabitants of Warrington, is by me intended to be instead and in lieu of a certain yearly provision for providing clothes for the poor inhabitants of Warrington aforesaid, contained in the last will of my late father, John Leech, deceased, and thereby charged on my capital, messuage, and lands in Little Woolden aforesaid, the same provision being void in itself, my said late father having no power at the time of making the same will to charge my said capital, messuage, &c., with any sum for that purpose, anything in the same will or in the will of my late uncle Robert Birley to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided, lastly, that my said trustees shall retain out of the rents, &c., of the said premises, all such sums of money as they shall lay out in the execution of the said trust. And I hereby nominate my said three friends, William Crompton, Timothy ffeatherstone Haugh, and Edward Pool the younger, Executors of this my will, and I revoke all former wills by me made.

EDWERD LEECH.

Sealed, &c., in the presence of

[Signed] Ann Dalton.

John Dalton.

Edw^d Turner.

CODICIL.—I revoke the bequest of £5 by me given in my last will to Mary Johnson, daughter of Thomas Johnson of Salford, weaver.

Dated 15 Sept., 1759.

[Signed and witnessed as above.]

THE WILL OF THOMAS AUBREY, CLERK, RECTOR
OF ECCLESTON, CO. CHESTER. 1759.

THOMAS AUBREY, Rector of Eccleston, co. Chester, clerk.¹ My body to be decently interred in the Chancel of the parish church of Eccleston. To my wife my messuage at Higher Kinnerton and Lower Kinnerton, in the parish of Dodleston, co. Chester, and in the county Flint, or one of them, late in the possession of Barlow Dennis, yeoman, deceased, which I lately purchased under a Decree of the Court of Exchequer at Chester, To hold during her life, with remainder to all the children of my late nephew Thomas Oakley, deceased, and their heirs and assigns for ever as tenants in common. To my said wife all my household goods, linen, plate (except my large Silver Tankard), gold watch, &c., and the sum of £400, and also all the goods, &c., bequeathed to her by the last will of M^{rs} Catherine Booth,

¹ Thomas Aubrey, A.M., was Rector of Eccleston from 1704 until his death on 2 June, 1758, aged 81. He was buried at Eccleston, 5 June, 1758. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Leftwich Oldfield. (*Ormerod*, vol. ii. pp. 829, 831.) But he married a second time, as the name of his widow and executrix was Katherine.

deceased. To my niece Margaret Oakley, widow of my said nephew Thomas Oakley, £100 for the maintenance of her children. To my nephew George Oakley, £20. To my niece Martha Baylis, £20. To the poor of the parish of Eccleston the interest of £20, from time to time to be distributed by the Churchwardens of the said parish. To the poor of the parish of St. Olave in the City of Chester, the interest of £10. All the residue of my personal estate to my brothers-in-law, Edward Wrench of the City of Chester, gentleman, and the Rev. Thomas Wrench, Rector of Hoyston-cum-Nedham (?), co. Sussex, upon trust, to pay the yearly interest thereof to my wife during her life, and after her decease I bequeath the said residue in manner following, that is to say, £100 and my large silver tankard to my said nephew George Oakley. To my said niece Martha Baylis, £100. To my nephew Albert Davies, £100, and the residue to be paid to my said nephew George Oakley in trust for the use of all the children of my said nephew Thomas Oakley. I nominate my wife and my brother-in-law Edward Wrench, Executors of this my will.

THO. AUBREY.

Dated 7 March, 1758.

Sealed, &c., in the presence of

Hannah Hodges.

Rob^t Taylor.

J. H. Jones.

Proved [at Chester], 30 May, 1759, and administration granted to Katherine Aubrey, widow, and Edward Wrench, the Executors.

THE WILL OF PETER WOOSEY OF ORMSKIRK,
CO. LANC., GENT. 1762.

I PETER WOOSEY of Ormskirk, co. Lanc., gent. First I will and order that all my messuages and tenements, both lands of inheritance and leasehold, situate in the several townships of Aughton, Skelmersdale, Ormskirk, Bickerstaff, and Sutton, or elsewhere in the County of Lancaster, whereof I shall die seised, shall be managed by my executors hereafter named, until with the clear yearly rents and profits thereof, together with the money arising by sale of my goods and household stuff, and such timber growing on my lands in Skelmersdale aforesaid, my said executors shall have paid my debts, funeral expences, &c., and also raised the sum of £260, which sum I bequeath as follows. To my brother-in-law William Taylor, £100. To my niece Margaret Ashburn, £100. To Gilbert Woosey, son of Richard Woosey, late of Bickerstaff aforesaid, deceased, £20. To William Woosey, son of Roger Woosey of Bickerstaff aforesaid, £20, to be paid to his mother for his use. To Alice Caddick of Liverpool, co. Lanc., singlewoman, £20.

After my debts and the legacies aforesaid are paid, I bequeath the several annuities hereafter mentioned, that is to say, To Hannah Mawdesley, daughter of Mercy Mawdesley of Ormskirk aforesaid, widow, one annuity of £10. To Samuel Mawdesley, son of the said Mercy Mawdesley, the like annuity. To my brother-in-law John Taylor, one annuity of £10. To Margaret Robinson my servant, one annuity of £5. After payment of my said debts, &c., I devise all the said messuages, &c. (charged with the payment of the said annuities), To the above-named Mercy Mawdesley during her life. Remainder to John Mawdesley, son of the said Mercy Mawdesley, during his life. Remainder to James Nicholson of Liverpool aforesaid, merchant, his heirs and assigns, during the life of the said John Mawdesley,

to preserve the contingent remainders. Remainder to Robert Mawdesley, eldest son of the said John Mawdesley, during his life. Remainder to the first and other sons of the said Robert Mawdesley, successively, and their heirs male in tail male. Remainder to Peter Woosey Mawdesley, second son of the said John Mawdesley, during his life. Remainder to the first and other sons of the said Peter Woosey Mawdesley, successively, and their heirs male in tail male. Remainder to all the other sons of the said John Mawdesley, successively, and their heirs male in tail male. Remainder to the above-named Samuel Mawdesley during his life. Remainder to the first and other sons of the said Samuel Mawdesley, successively, and their heirs male in tail male. Remainder to the above-named Hannah Mawdesley and her heirs for ever. Provided always and I hereby declare that the several devises hereinbefore mentioned unto the said John Mawdesley and his said sons and their issue, are upon this express condition, that within the term of three years next after they or any of them shall come into the actual possession of the premises by virtue of the limitations aforesaid, they shall come into England, within Europe, and shall continue to reside and dwell therein during their lives. And if any of them shall neglect or refuse, then the said limitations to them shall be absolutely null and void, and the persons next in remainder shall enter into and enjoy the said premises. Lastly, I appoint the above-named William Taylor, John Taylor, and Mercy Mawdesley, and John Ambrose of Mawdesley, yeoman, executors of this my last will.

Dated 8 June, 1759.

PETER WOOSEY.
[Armorial seal, illegible.]

Sealed, &c., in the presence of

[Signed] Andrew Carruthers.
Samuel Walker.
James Baxendell.

May 27, 1762.—The executors sworn in common form before
Abel Ward, surrogate.

Administration granted to the executors, 27 May, 1762.

[No Inventory.]

THE WILL OF DAVID HORE OF BELLFIELD IN
APPLETON, CO. CHESTER, ESQ.¹ 1762.

THIS is my last will and testament, which revokes all former wills whatsoever, or anything relating to a will any or every time before made. I give to my brother James Hore all my real and personal estate, and all whatsoever I die possessed of, except as hereafter mentioned, and after the death of my said brother James Hore, I then give the whole and every part of my real and personal estate, &c., to my brother James Hore's children, to be equally divided between them, Charles Hore, William Hore, James Hore, Daniel Hore, and Anne Hore, my nephews and niece. I give to Mr John Stafford of Macclesfield, Steward to Sir Peter Warburton, one hundred pounds. I give to my sister Cogan an annuity of 30 pounds a year during her natural life. Provided she should be a widow, and not have fifty pounds a year to live on, and not otherwise. I give to my sister-in-law of St Albans, Ann Hore, thirty pounds a year during her natural life. I give to Capt. John Bover,² late of his Majesty's

¹ Mr. Hore was an admiral in the Royal Navy, and on his retirement built Bellfields, which was arranged on the pattern of a ship, and he regulated his habits and mode of life according to the customs observed in a ship. (See Beaumont's *Appleton*.)

² John Bover, who changed his name from De Beauvoir, came from Guernsey, and became a captain in the Royal Navy. He resided at Stockton Lodge, near Warrington, being then Naval Superintendent of the Cheshire District. He afterwards removed to Newcastle-on-Tyne, where he held the office of Regulating Officer of the port, and died there in 1782. (See Hinchliffe's *Barthomley*.)

Sloop the Raven, thirty pounds a year during his natural life. I give to my servant Jane Holland, Twenty pounds a year during her natural life. I give to my servant Sarah Small, ten pounds a year during her natural life. I give to my servant Johannah Small, ten pounds a year during her natural life. I give to my servant James Clerk, fifteen pounds a year during his natural life. I give to my servant John Vogwell, ten pounds a year during his natural life. I give to my servant Thomas Small, fifteen pounds a year during his natural life. And to him all of my Hounds, and to be kept for him one year, if he can't before that time sell them well. I give to my gardener Thomas Deakin, five pounds a year during his natural life. And I give to Mr Matthew Lawrence of Aston Parke, Ten pounds a year during his natural life. I give my wearing apparel, bed and table linnen, to be equally divided between my servants, and my gold head cane and Admiral Warren's Gold Mourning ring to the before-mentioned Capt. Bover. All which I would have done as soon after my death as it can well be, beginning with the first half-year annuities, and so continued. I oblige my brother or his children to sell my real estate to Sir Peter Warburton, if he chooses to buy it. I appoint Sir Peter Warburton, Bart., of Arley in Cheshire, George Eaton, Esq., of the Pole in Cheshire, and Capt. John Bover, late of his Majesty's Sloop the Raven, now of Stockton Heath in Cheshire, them three (and to have reasonable expenses allowed them) to be the executors of this my last will and testament, given under my hand and seal this fourth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight, the words a year, and seal, &c., being before interlined and executed in ye presence of us.

D. HORE.

Witnesses—

John Donbavand.

Peter Hill.

John Hargreaves.

Having disposed of all my affairs by my will, except such as

are under mentioned, which said will is written with my own hand, it is my desire that all my household goods and the stock on my lands be sold by my executors and divided into three shares, and I give and bequeath them as follows:—the first and largest share to my man Thomas Small and Jane Holland my housekeeper, the second and next in proportion to my servants James Clark and Sarah Small, and the third and least share to John Vogall and Johanna Small, and I give twenty pounds to my gardener Thomas Dakin. I give my post chaise to the Reverend Robert Massie, Rector of Eccleston, near the city of Chester, and my horse called Neptune to Miss Ann Warburton of Arley, and it is my desire that my executors in the aforesaid will appointed have the same regard for this my desire and bequest as to my said will. Given under my hand this Twenty-fourth day of May, One Thousand Seven hundred and sixty two. It is also my desire and bequest that what money is due to my servants for wages, housekeeping, and other expenses laid out on my account, and likewise ten guineas borrowed by me of Jane Holland, my housekeeper aforesaid, to be paid to her and them over and above their respective shares before mentioned. Witness my hand the day and year before mentioned. My will is that Thomas Small and Jane Holland should have forty pounds more than James Clerk and Sarah Small, and that James Clerk and Sarah Small shall have twenty pounds more than John Vogall and Johanna Small. Given under my hand as before by me.

D. HORE.

Witnesses—Richard Percival, John Robeson.

This is a true Copy of the original last will and Testament and Codicil of the said deceased. Proved [at Chester] the 23 day of August, 1762, by the Executors therein named, and carefully examined and compared therewith, the 2nd day of Nov^r, 1762.

THE WILL OF GEORGE HOCKENHULL OF
PRENTON, CO. CHESTER, ESQ^{RE}. 1770.

IN the name of God, Amen. I GEORGE HOCKENHULL of Prenton, co. Chester, Esq^{re}. First, I devise and bequeath to my son John Hockenhull¹ and his heirs all my real estate whatsoever (except the house and garden with its appurtenances which my mother holds and lives in, situate in Prenton aforesaid, which I devise and bequeath to my dear wife² after the decease of my mother, during her life), my said son John paying and discharging all my just debts, funeral expences, and the legacies hereinaster mentioned. I give to my dear wife £50 a year during her life, to be paid her by my said son John quarterly. I devise to my daughter Catherine,³ £1,000, to be paid her by my son John at the death of Mr Robert Dod and my said mother, and I hereby charge my said real estates with the payment thereof, and until the said legacy shall become due to the said Catherine, I hereby bequeath to her £20 a year to be paid by my said son John. I bequeath to my said dear wife, all my household goods and furniture, plate, and personal estate, and I hereby nominate and appoint my said wife executrix, and Mr Joseph Hayes of Neston and Mr Thomas Ashbrook of Raby, executors of this my last will.

GEO : HOCKENHULL.

Dated 24 Jany, 1770.

Witnesses—

Mary Kelsall.

Alice Watkins.

Jno Watkins.

¹ See his will, page 134.² Lydia, daughter of James Bromfield of Liverpool, surgeon.³ Wife of David Foulkes of Liverpool.

In the Exchequer at Westminster. Between Daniel Daulby, Gent., and George Travis, Clerk, Complainants, and Catherine Foulkes, widow, and others, Defendants.

29 Jany, 1787. At the execution of a Commission for examination of witnesses in this cause, this will was shown to Alice Prenton, formerly Alice Watkins, and on the 3 Feb., 1787, to Mary Kelsall, and by them deposed to on behalf of the defendants.

[Signed] W^m Hamilton.
J. Boulger.
Chr Hamilton.

Proved [at Chester] by Lydia Hockenhull, the executrix, and Joseph Hayes and Thomas Ashbrook, the executors, 28 July, 1770.

THE WILL OF JOHN HOCKENHULL OF
PLYMYARD, CO. CHESTER. 1782.

THIS is the last will and testament of me JOHN HOCKENHULL, late of Prenton, but now of Plymyard, co. Chester. I devise all that my manor and estate at Prenton aforesaid, in the Hundred of Wirral, co. Chester, with all my messuages, lands, &c., in Prenton aforesaid, to my executors and their assigns in trust (as they shall judge to be most beneficial to the interest of my children, George¹ and Elizabeth,² or the survivor of them), to sell and dispose of the same, and to apply the money thereby arising in manner following, that is to say, to the discharge, in the first place, of all mortgages, bonds, and other securities by which I stand indebted, together with all arrears of interest, and the surplus of the money to be raised as aforesaid

¹ George Hockenhull died without issue in 1798.

² Elizabeth became sole heiress of her father. She married Thomas Briscoe, of Clayley, and died in 1809, leaving issue.

shall be placed out at interest, and the yearly income thereof applied in manner hereafter mentioned. And whereas by the last will of James Bromfield, late of Liverpool, co. Lanc., Chirurgeon, now deceased, bearing date 18 September, 1761, the reversion of a certain messuage situate in Preeson's Row, in Liverpool aforesaid, now in the possession of Martha Bromfield, daughter of the said testator, is given to me (provided she the said Martha shall die without lawful issue) during my life. And whereas by the said will a certain field or close situate in the Township of Liverpool aforesaid is also given to me for the term of my life. And whereas it is directed by the said Will that the said messuage, after my decease and the decease of the said Martha Bromfield, and the said field after my decease shall become the property of my only child, if but one child shall survive me, and if I shall leave more than one child, then such messuage and field shall be equally divided amongst such children. My will is that my executors shall as soon as the said messuage and field come into their hands, pay all the rents, &c., of the said messuage and field, and the interest of the aforesaid surplus money from the sale of my manor to the maintenance and education of my children George and Elizabeth Hockenhull, until they shall attain the age of 21 years, or marry with the consent of my executors. As to my personal estate, I devise to my said son George Hockenhull my silver coffee pot and all my clothes and wearables whatsoever, together with my watch and all my firearms. And I devise to my said daughter Elizabeth all the house and table linen and china, with all the clothes, wearing apparel, and watch belonging to her late mother. All the residue of my personal estate, after payment of my funeral expences, together with the surplus money from the sale of my said manor as aforesaid; and all sums of money put out at interest during the minority of my said children shall be disposed of as follows, that is to say, two thirds thereof (the whole in three equal parts divided) to my said son George, and the remaining third part to my said daughter Elizabeth, when 21

years of age or married with such consent as aforesaid, with benefit of survivorship.

I hereby constitute Daniel Daulby of Plymyard aforesaid and George Travis, clerk, Vicar of Eastham, co. Chester, executors of this my last will.

J^{NO} HOCKENHULL.

Dated 28 Nov., 1782.

Witnesses—Joseph Chritchley.
Esther Johnson.
Ann Daulby.

[Proved at Chester by executors, Dec. 28, 1782.]
[? Effects] £100.

Endorsed :—

In the Exchequer at Westminster. Between Daniel Daulby, Gent., and George Travis, Clerk, Complainants, and Catherine Foulkes, widow, and others, defendants.

29 Jan., 1787. At the execution of a commission for examination of witnesses in this cause, this will was produced and shown to Joseph Chritchley and Esther Johnson, and on the 30 Jan., 1787, to Ann Daulby, and by them deposed to on behalf of the complainants.

[Signed] W^m Hamilton.
J. Baulger.
Chr Hamilton.

THE WILL OF JOHN GLEAVE, CLERK, RECTOR OF
SWETTENHAM, CO. CHESTER.¹ 1783.

TO be buried in Swettenham Church at the discretion of my executrix. To my only daughter Frances Stones, wife of Thomas Stones the younger of Swettenham, yeoman,² £30, to her own use. To the said Thomas Stones, £20. To my nephew John Gleave of Mere, co. Chester, yeoman, eldest son of my late brother Thomas Gleave, deceased, £5, and to his two brothers, my nephews Thomas Gleave and Joseph Gleave, and his sister my niece Sarah Gleave, £10 each. To my nephew William Warburton, son of my late sister Mary Warburton, deceased, £10. To my worthy friend Thomas Willis, Esq., £5 5s. to buy him a mourning ring. To my servant Sarah Perren, £20, and to my servant Dean Barber, £10. To my neighbour Theophilus Norton, £5, and to Nicholas Clarke of Rostherne, yeoman, £5 5s. All my household goods and furniture, including my books, &c., to the said Frances Stones my daughter for her own use, and to dispose of verbally, by deed or by will, notwithstanding her coverture, &c. The residue to be converted into money by my said nephew John Gleave and the said Richard Clarke, in trust, for the benefit of my said daughter Frances for her sole use, and in case she shall survive the said Thomas Stones her husband, then the principal to my said daughter to her own use, but if my said daughter shall die in the lifetime of her husband, then the principal money to my next of kin, according to the rule for the distribution of the effects of intestates.

I appoint my said daughter Frances Stones and the said John Gleave and Richard Clarke, executrix and executors.

Dated 16 June, 1777.

¹ John Gleave, A.B., was presented to the Rectory of Swettenham in 1735, on the resignation of the Rev. James Harware, A.B. (*Ormerod*, vol. iii. p. 76.) He was buried at Swettenham, 30 March, 1783.

Married at Swettenham, by licence, 11 September, 1775.

Witnesses—

Sa : Wright and Strethill Wright.

CODICIL dated 17 Dec., 1782. To my son-in-law Thomas Stones, in case he shall survive his wife, £200.

Witnesses to the testator's mark—

Tho. Mostyn. John Parrot.

[Proved 2 June, 1783, by the executrix and executors.]

[Personalty supposed to be under £200.]

THE WILL OF JAMES WILDE OF BREDBURY,
CO. CHESTER, CLERK.¹ 1790.

I JAMES WILDE of Bradbury, co. Chester, Clerk. I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my loving wife my gold watch and seal, with all my household goods, furniture, plate (except a silver tankard), glass, linen, &c., for her sole use, also I give unto my said wife an annuity of £20 made payable to me by one bond bearing date the 24th July, 1769, executed by Abraham Hoskins, deceased, and John Roebuck, Doctor of Physic. To Edmund Roe, son of the late John Roe of Chadkirk, co. Chester, my large folio bible and my silver tankard. To Elizabeth Roe, widow of the said John Roe, the sum of five guineas. And as concerning all my freehold messuages, tenements, closes, lands, &c., situate in Bosden, co. Chester, or elsewhere in the said county, And concerning all my chief, fee-farm, quit, or other rents payable to me from any messuages, tenements, lands, &c.,

¹ The Rev. James Wilde, of Brasenose College, Oxford, was nominated incumbent of Chadkirk Chapel by the Rev. Samuel Stead, rector of Stockport, 10 September, 1747, and remained in that charge until his death. (Earwaker's *East Cheshire*, vol. ii. p. 82.)

in Bosden aforesaid, or elsewhere in the said county, together with a pew or seat in the Chancel of the Parish Church of Stockport, and all my right to a pew or seat and burial ground in the Parish Church of Cheadle, co. Chester. And as concerning all other my real and personal estate whatsoever, I hereby devise the same to Richard Savage of May Place, near Liverpool, co. Lanc., Esquire, Buckley Bower of Stockport aforesaid, Gentleman, Edmund Kershaw of Stockport aforesaid, Merchant, and Joshua Bruckshaw of Bradbury aforesaid, Manufacturer, and their heirs for ever, upon trust, that they shall receive the rents, &c., of my estates as aforesaid, and pay thereout my funeral expenses and the charge of the probate hereof, and the interest of all such principal sums of money that I may happen to owe at the time of my decease, and to apply the remainder of such rents, &c., to the use of my said wife until my said estates shall be sold as hereinafter directed. And upon further trust that they the said Richard Savage, &c., shall sell and dispose of all my real and personal estate, and likewise collect what is owing to me, and apply the money arising therefrom unto such persons and to such uses as is hereinafter mentioned, that is to say: In the first place, upon trust, that they shall pay out of the money arising as aforesaid all my debts and the following legacies, to wit, unto such of my trustees as shall act under this my will the sum of five guineas each, and my said wife £500. And concerning the residue and remainder of the money to be received by my said Trustees and Executors as aforesaid, it is my will and I hereby direct that they the said Richard Savage, &c., shall place the same out at interest upon one or more real security or securities, and to pay the interest thereof to my said wife for her life. It is my will and I hereby order that the said Richard Savage, &c., shall within twelve months next after my said wife's decease call in such sums of money so placed out at interest as shall be sufficient to pay the following sums:—to the said Edmund Roe, £100, to be paid at the end of twelve months after my said wife's decease, but in case the said Edmund Roe shall happen to

die before the said legacy shall become due and payable, and leave any legitimate child or children, then the said legacy to be paid to such child or children share and share alike, but in case the said Edmund shall leave no such child or children, then the said legacy to be paid to all his brothers and sisters equally between them. To Charles Roe, brother of the said John Roe, £50, to be paid at the end of twelve months next after my said wife's decease. Also I remise and for ever discharge the said Charles Roe from the payment of £50 which he owes me and the interest thereof. To Mary, the wife of William Broome of Bosden aforesaid, hatbandmaker, to Mary and Ann or Nancy her daughters, and to Sarah, the daughter of John Wilde of Hyde Chapel, cabinetmaker, each the sum of £10. To Jane Goodier, daughter of the said Mary Broome, £20. To Thomas Hall, son of Hannah Hall, my late dear mother's half-sister, £10, which legacies are to be paid after my said wife's decease. To each of the four daughters of the late John Wilde of Poynton or Norbury, co. Chester, whitesmith, deceased, as shall be living at the time of my said wife's decease, £50. And concerning all such other sums of money continuing at interest as aforesaid, after my said wife's decease, I bequeath the same to James, John, and William Wilde, sons of John Wilde, cabinetmaker, by Martha his wife, since deceased, which said Martha was daughter of Mary Broome, and to all the children of the said Jane Goodier in the following proportions, to wit, one moiety thereof unto the said James, John, and William Wilde, and the other moiety unto all the children of the said Jane Goodier, to be equally divided among them when 21 years of age, but in case the said James, John, and William Wilde shall all of them happen to die under the age of twenty-one years and without lawful issue, then I give their moiety of such residuum money unto the children of the said Jane Goodier, and in case the said James, John, and William Wilde and all the children of the said Jane Goodier shall happen to die before such residuum money shall become due to them as aforesaid, and without lawful issue, then I give such residuum

money unto the said Edmund Roe, and in case of his death before such residuum money shall become due to him, leaving lawful issue, then I give such residuum money to all his children share and share alike, and in case of the deaths of the said Edmund Roe and all the before-named legatees before the same money shall become due and without lawfull issue, then I give such residuum money unto John Roe, brother of the said Edmund Roe and his assigns for ever. I hereby appoint my said wife Elizabeth executrix, and the said Richard Savage, Buckley Bower, Edmund Kershaw, and Joshua Bruckshaw, executors of this my will.

JAMES WILDE.

Dated 7th Jan., 1790.

Signed, sealed, &c., in the presence of

George Williamson.

Richard Wright.

John Holme.

[Proved 18 Nov., 1790.]

THE WILL OF BRYAN WILLIAM MOLINEUX
OF HAWKLEY HALL IN PEMBERTON,
CO. LANC., ESQUIRE. 1805.

THIS is the last Will and Testament of me BRYAN WILLIAM MOLINEUX of Hawkley Hall in the Township of Pemberton, co. Lanc., Esquire, made and published this 24th day of July, 1805. First, I devise to the Rev. [blank] Gibson of Wigan, co. Lanc., clerk, the Rev. Thomas Bold of Litherland, in the same county, clerk, and John Hollins of Nether Knutsford, co. Chester, gent, their heirs and assigns, all my capital and other messuages, lands, &c., in Pemberton aforesaid, to hold upon trust to the

several uses hereinafter contained, to wit, that they shall after my decease, by mortgage or other disposition of all or part of the said premises, raise such sums of money as shall be sufficient to discharge all such sums as shall be due or secured by mortgage of any part of the said premises, and all sums owing by bond, and my funeral expences. And that my said trustees shall stand seised of such parts as shall remain undisposed of, to the use of the Rev. William Hockenhall¹ of Lymm, co. Chester, clerk, for his life. Remainder to my said trustees to support the contingent remainders. Remainder to William Hyde Hockenhall, son of the said William Hockenhall, his heirs and assigns for ever. Provided always, and I hereby direct, that the said William Hockenhall shall not enjoy the said premises otherwise than upon this express condition—That when such estate shall come to him in possession under the said trusts, he shall take use and bear the surname of Molineux, and shall cause himself to be called by the surname of Molineux and by no other, and in case of failure, the said premises shall go over and be enjoyed by the next person to whom the same is hereinbefore limited. I bequeath to my said trustees £500 upon trust to apply the interest thereof for the maintenance and education and placing out in business of John Holland, son of Ann Holland of Pemberton aforesaid, spinster, and to pay the said sum of £500 to the said John Holland when 21 years of age. And if he shall die before the said age, then the said sum shall be invested in the purchase of real estate to be conveyed to such uses as are hereinbefore declared concerning the said real estate limited to the said William Hockenhall. To Charles Woods of Princes Street, Hanover Square, London, £500. To Mrs Woods, mother of the said Charles Woods, £250. To the said William

¹ William Molineux (formerly Hockenhull) was the son of William Hockenhull, of Nantwich, co. Chester, and was born 1767, of Trinity College, Cambridge, M.A. 1793, Minor Canon of Chester 1807; buried at Chester Cathedral, 5 Jan., 1830. For his descendants, see *Visitation of England and Wales*, edited by J. J. Howard and F. A. Crisp, vol. i. p. 116; and *Family Records*, by Ashworth P. Burke, 1897, p. 433.

Hockenhall, £500. To Miss Dickenson, daughter of John Dickenson of Birch Hall, co. Lanc., Esq., £100. To Miss Bold of Ormskirk, £100. To the said [blank] Gibson, £100. To the said Thomas Bold, £100. To Edward Yates, my late servant, £50. To the Rev. M^r Evanson of Woodbridge, co. Suffolk, £350. To my tenants of the name of Kerfoot residing at Hawkley Hall and their two sons, each a suit of mourning. To Betty Taylor, senior, and Betty Taylor, junior, and Ann Gilberts, servants of the said William Hockenhall, £10 each for the trouble they have had on my account. To each of the sons and the daughter of my tenant M^{rs} Kerfoot, £10. And to Elizabeth Jackson Hockenhall, the wife of the said William Hockenhall, I give the bed in the best room over the Hall, with the hangings belonging to it. To Mary Woods, sister of the said Charles Woods, £250. I direct that my Family Pictures and Prints shall remain at my mansion as heirlooms. And I direct that my body shall be interred in the Parish Church of Wigan with all privacy, beneath the seat where my family have usually sat, and that a small Marble Slab with the Name and Arms of the Molineux's be, with the consent of the Rector, placed against the pillar. I give my wearing apparel to the said Edward Yates. The remainder of my personal estate shall be sold. I give to the Earl of Derby and his assigns, £170 upon trust, to pay the interest yearly for ever, for the benefit of the Blue School at Ormskirk. To the Rector and Churchwardens of Wigan, out of the rest of my personal estate, £50, the interest to be yearly paid for ever, for the benefit of the Blue School at Wigan. The remainder of my personal estate I give to John Hodgson of Smithy Brooke in the said county, upon trust, to distribute amongst the poor women belonging to the Poor of Pemberton residing near Goose Green. I appoint the said William Hockenhall, [blank] Gibson, and Thomas Bold, executors of this my last will.

B. W. MOLINEUX.
[Armorial seal.]

Sealed, &c., in the presence of

[Signed] Anne Taylor.

Mascie Domville Taylor.

Charles Hewitt.

CODICIL dated 27 July, 1805, relating to timber on the premises mentioned in the will, and to the making of leases.

6 Dec., 1805. The executors sworn.

Effects within the diocese of Chester, under £300.

Probate issued 6 Dec., 1805.

The testator died 29 July, 1805.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM LOWNDES OF SANDBACH,
GENT.¹ 1807.

THIS is the last Will and Testament of me WILLIAM LOWNDES of Sandbach, co. Chester, gentleman. I devise all that my messuage, with the closes, &c., belonging thereto, in Church-Coppenhall in the said county, now in the occupation of Randle Wilding, together with all my ready money and all such sums of money as shall be owing to me at my decease, and all other my personal estate and effects, to Thomas Rowley of Overton, co. Stafford, gentleman, John Cartwright of Sandbach aforesaid, gentleman, and Richard Darlington the younger, of Sandbach aforesaid, gentleman, their heirs and assigns, upon

¹ Baptised at Sandbach, 9 June, 1744. D.L. co. Chester. Died 7 Nov., 1806. Married at Astbury, 2 Dec., 1789, Susanna Sydebotham, daughter of John Kirkby of Macclesfield and Congleton, gent. She died 2 December, 1789. (Earwaker's *History of Sandbach*, p. 123.)

trust, to sell the said messuage, &c., and discharge my debts and funeral expenses. And if after the application of such money there shall be any debts unsatisfied, then they shall in the next place apply the money to arise by the sale of the said messuage, &c., in discharge of such unsatisfied debts. And if after the application of the last-mentioned money there shall happen to be any debts unsatisfied, I hereby (by virtue of the power reserved to me by the settlement made previous to my marriage with my late wife, and in exercise thereof) charge all my messuage, lands, &c., in Betchton in the said county, in the occupation of Lawrence Plant, with the sum of £400, and direct the same to be applied by my executors hereinafter named in aid of the funds before mentioned. And if after the application of the several funds aforesaid there shall then be any debts unsatisfied, I devise all that my messuage, farm, or tenement situate in Betchton aforesaid, with the lands and share of the manor of Betchton, thereto belonging, now in the occupation of Matthew Beech and James Beech, and all my messuages, malt kiln, lands, &c., situate in Sandbach aforesaid, as are not comprised in the said settlement, purchased by me, to the said Thomas Rowley, &c., for the term of 500 years, to commence from the day of my decease, upon the trusts hereinafter mentioned, and after the determination of that estate and subject thereto, I devise all the same messuages, tenements, lands, &c., to my son William Lowndes,¹ his heirs and assigns for ever. And I declare that the said term is so limited to the said Thomas Rowley, &c., upon this special trust, that they shall out of the rents, &c., of the said premises, or by mortgage raise such sums of money as shall be sufficient to discharge so much of my debts as shall remain unsatisfied, and, after the payment of such debts, then to raise the sum of £1,000, £500, one equal half part thereof, to be paid to my younger son, John Sydebotham Lowndes,² when 21, with

¹ Of Hassall Hall, Esq. Born 27 Oct., 1795. Died 8 January, 1838, without issue.

² Born 13 May, 1798. Died unmarried, 23 November, 1819.

interest in the meantime after the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, towards his maintenance and education. And in case he shall happen to die under age without lawful issue, or become entitled to my estates by the death of his brother before the age of 21, then the said £500 and the other £500 (residue of the said £1,000) intended for the benefit of my said daughter [so in original]. I hereby direct that the said Thomas Rowley, &c., shall stand possessed of the said £500 or £1,000 on the contingency aforesaid, upon trust to invest the same, and during the life of my daughter, Ann Barrington Lowndes,¹ pay the interest, &c., thereof to such persons as my said daughter Ann shall appoint, and after her decease then the said trust moneys to be equally divided amongst her children, and for default of such to the next of kin in blood to my said daughter. Provided always that the said sum of £1,000 shall not be raised during the minority of my son William Lowndes, or, in case of his death, during the minority of my said son John Sydebotham Lowndes. If either of my said sons shall live to attain the age of 21 years, and at that time all my debts shall not be satisfied, then if the son living to attain 21 shall thereupon pay or secure such unsatisfied debts and the said £1,000 and interest for the same, the said term of 500 years shall cease. My will is that the land tax of the premises belonging to me, either in my own or my late dear wife's right which I have purchased, and which is not otherwise herein disposed of, shall belong to the person or persons for the time being entitled under this my will or otherwise. I give to my mother-in-law Susannah Kirkby all my late dear wife's plate for the use of my children, agreeable to their mother's will. I give all the plate that was mine before my marriage with my said late wife as follows:—the large silver cup to my son William Lowndes; the smaller silver cup to my son John Sydebotham Lowndes; the half-pint, cream jug, and all the tea spoons to my daughter Ann Barrington Lowndes; and the table spoons

¹ Married at Astbury, 22 July, 1818, to William Reddall of Liverpool, gent.

equally amongst my three children. I give all my linen equally amongst all my children. I give all my tea china to my daughter Ann, and all the rest of the china equally amongst my children. I give all my Books to my son William, but if he should die under the age of 21, then the same to go to my son John. I give my mahogany wardrobe to my son John. I give my double oak chest of drawers to my daughter Ann Barrington Lowndes. And in case I shall die without leaving any child or grandchild living at my decease, nor have any lawful issue born in due time afterwards, then I devise all my messuages, lands, &c., in Sandbach and Betchton aforesaid (without prejudice to any charge herein contained) to the said Thomas Rowley, &c., upon the following trusts, viz., as concerning the messuage, lands, &c., in the occupation of Matthew Beech, upon trust, that they shall sell the same, and pay and apply the money in manner following, that is to say, first, in payment of any debts that shall not be satisfied. To my mother-in-law Susannah Kirkby, £100, if she be living, if not, to John Bell of Nottingham, cousin to my late dear wife. To the said John Bell, £100. To the children of the late John Cooper of Picton, son of my late aunt Ellen Cooper, £100 equally amongst them. To the children of the late Ellen Buckley, late wife of Mr Buckley of Over, £100 equally amongst them. To Ann, daughter of my said aunt Ellen Cooper, £100, if living at my decease, if not, the same to be equally divided amongst the children of Samuel Cooper, eldest son of my uncle John Cooper, and of William Cooper, second son of my said uncle John Cooper. To my cousin Edward Lowndes of Chester, £50. To my cousin Thomas Lowndes of Liverpool, £50. To Charles Bate of Sandbach, £30. And in case the money to arise by such sale be insufficient, then the said Thomas Rowley, &c., shall out of the rents, &c., of my other estates in Sandbach and Betchton aforesaid raise and pay the deficiency, and pay to my cousin Samuel Cooper and his assigns one annuity of £30, and subject thereto, then all my said messuages, lands, &c., in Sandbach aforesaid, to the said Thomas Rowley, &c., for the term of

500 years, to the use of Samuel Cooper, eldest son of my said late aunt Ellen Cooper, for his life, and after his decease, to the use of the first and other sons of the said Samuel Cooper, successively, and their heirs male in tail male. Remainder to the brothers [not named] of the said Samuel Cooper, and their heirs male in tail male. Remainder to the eldest son of John Cooper of Picton, and grandson of my said late aunt Ellen Cooper, for his life. Remainder to the first and other sons of the said grandson of the said Ellen Cooper, successively, and their heirs male in tail male. Remainder to the eldest daughter of my cousin Samuel Cooper, her heirs and assigns for ever. And I hereby declare that the said term of 500 years is so limited to the said Thomas Rowley, &c., upon trust, to raise and pay £100 to each of the younger brothers and sisters of the said Samuel Cooper, son of my said late aunt Ellen Cooper. Provided that if the same Samuel Cooper, or the person so becoming entitled to the premises comprised in the said term, shall pay or secure the said sums, then the said term of 500 years shall cease. And as concerning all my said estates in Lawrence Plant's occupation, together with the leasehold closes I lately purchased from the late John Barnett's trustees, as far as the nature of such tenure will admit of, lying in Betchton aforesaid, upon the contingency aforesaid and chargeable as aforementioned. To the use of the said Thomas Rowley, &c., for the term of 500 years upon trust, to the use of the eldest son of William Cooper, deceased, who was second son of my said late aunt Ellen Cooper, for his life, and after his decease to his heirs male in tail male. Remainder to the eldest daughter of the said William Cooper, her heirs and assigns for ever. And I hereby declare that the last-mentioned term of 500 years is so as aforesaid limited to raise and pay the sum of £80 to each of the younger sons and daughters of the said William Cooper, deceased, provided that if the said eldest son of the said William Cooper, or the person so becoming entitled to the premises comprised in the said last-mentioned term shall pay or secure the said sums, then the said term shall cease.

In case I die without issue as aforesaid, I devise the land in Park Lane, near Congleton, which I purchased from the Body Corporate there, to the person and in the manner my late dear wife has devised an estate that was hers near thereto in her will. I give to the said Thomas Rowley, John Cartwright, and Richard Darlington, 5 guineas each as a mark of my esteem for them, and I constitute and appoint them executors of this my will.

Dated 11 July, 1805.

WILLIAM LOWNDES.

Sealed, &c., in the presence of

Wm Shaw.

Rob^t Jones.

Wm Skerratt.

Saml Skerratt.

[Proved at Chester, April, 1807.]

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IT is with much satisfaction that during the past year the Council has been able to place in the hands of the Members of the Society the two concluding volumes of the *Poems of John Byrom*, together with extracts from his unpublished letters and Common-place Book, edited by DR. WARD. Without claiming for Byrom the position of a great poet, he certainly is entitled to a high place among the minor poets and versifiers of the eighteenth century, and though his name is not to be found among Johnson's *Lives of the English Poets*, he surpasses, both in taste, style, and originality, many of those who are there included. The Council has expressed in a former Report its sense of the great merits of Dr. Ward's edition of the first two parts, and now needs only add that the two volumes last issued are marked by the same high qualities of scholarship and criticism that characterised the first two, and that Manchester has now an edition of the poems of its most distinguished man of letters of past times worthy to compare favourably in all respects with the best and most scholarly editions of our greatest poets. The extracts from the letters and Common-place Book add much to the interest of the work, which, besides being an important contribution to English scholarship and English literature, is full of matter of great local interest — so numerous are the allusions, now for the first time explained, to Manchester men and Manchester doings. The four volumes of the *Remains*, taken together with this edition of the *Poems*, give us not only the fullest but the most graphic picture that we possess of Manchester during the first half of the eighteenth

century. The Society is greatly indebted to MR. FRANCIS M. JACKSON for the excellent Index which he has prepared, and which adds greatly to the value of the book.

The volumes for 1896-7 will consist of the First Part of the *Minutes of the Bury and Bolton Presbyterian Classis*, edited by MR. W. A. SHAW, M.A., and a volume of local *Wills*, some of a very early date, edited by MR. J. P. RYLANDS, F.S.A., from the transcripts prepared by the late MR. EARWAKER.

A third volume of *Materials for the History of the Church of Lancaster*, edited by MR. W. O. ROPER, will shortly be ready for the press.

The *Chartulary of Cockersand Abbey* was proposed some years since as one of the works which ought to be undertaken by the Society, but, unfortunately, no funds were available for the purpose of obtaining a transcript. The Council is happy to state that MR. W. FARRER has undertaken as well to prepare a transcript as to edit and translate this *Chartulary*, which will form a valuable companion volume to those of Whalley, Penwortham, Furness, and Lancaster. It is hoped that that of the Priory of Burscough may follow in due course. The county of Lancaster will then possess an unusually extensive series of these most important historical documents.

The *Diary of Sir Peter Leycester*, now preserved at Tabley, has been suggested to the Council for publication. It would certainly contain much matter of interest—especially to Cheshire antiquaries—and the Council hopes that arrangements may be made for its appearance. A selection from the other manuscripts of Sir Peter Leycester, also at Tabley, might well form one of the Society's volumes.

During the past year the Society has lost by death four members who for many years past had taken a warm interest in the work of the Society, the Right Rev. R. Durnford, D.D., Bishop of Chichester, the Hon. and Rev. G. T. O. Bridgeman, Hon. Canon of Liverpool and Rector of Wigan, the Rev. John Booker, M.A., F.S.A., Vicar of Benhilton, Surrey, and the Rev. Prebendary J. Finch Smith, M.A., F.S.A., formerly Rector of Aldridge, Staffordshire.

The venerable Bishop of Chichester had been a member of the Society since 1848, and although he took no active part in the affairs of the Society, he was in former days, when Rector of Middleton, a frequent attendant at the meetings, and in many ways showed much interest in the Society's work.

Canon Bridgeman was the author of *The History of the Church and Manor of Wigan*, forming vols. 15, 16, 17, and 18, N.S., of the Society's publications.

The Rev. John Booker was a member of the Council from 1856 to 1864, and was the author of the following volumes and parts of volumes: *History of the Ancient Chapel of Denton* (Chetham Miscellanies, vol. 37); *History of the Ancient Chapels of Didsbury and Chorlton* (vol. 42);

History of the Ancient Chapel of Birch (vol. 47). He also printed, uniformly with the Society's volumes, *Memorials of the Church of Prestwich*, 1852, and a *History of the Ancient Chapel of Blackley*, 1855. Although Mr. Booker had ceased to be a resident in Lancashire for more than 38 years, he continued up to the time of his death to take great interest in the local history of the county, and particularly of the parish of Prestwich, and the chapelries in the parish of Manchester, and he had collected a large number of notes and papers supplementary to his Histories, besides others relating to the parish of Manchester generally. The whole of these he bequeathed to the Chetham Library, where they are now deposited. It was his wish that these papers, or selections from them, should be printed by the Chetham Society, and the Feoffees of the Library have very kindly placed them at the disposal of the Council. There can be little doubt that these papers contain much matter of interest, and the Council hope to make a thorough examination of them and afterwards to consider in what way Mr. Booker's wishes can best be carried out.

The Rev. Jeremiah Finch Smith was the editor of the four volumes of *The Admission Register of the Manchester Grammar School* (1730-1837), of which his father was High Master from 1807 to 1837. There are few of the Society's publications that have been more widely appreciated than these, containing as they do notices of a large number of Manchester men for a period of more than a century.

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,, Bank interest	0	5	11
Balance brought forward from March 1st, 1895	267	8	1
	58	13	3
To C. Simms & Co.:—			
Vol. 34. "Byron's Poems," Vol. 2, Part 1.	147	17	1
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Vol. 35, do.			
,, Sundry printing and postages, receipt book, carriage of volumes, stationery, &c., from Jan. 30th to Dec. 23rd, 1895,	8	16	9
,, Guardian Fire Assurance Company	0	10	0
,, Sutton & Co., Carriage of Volumes to Members, April, 1895	2	18	1
,, Postages by Bank and Treasurer	1	3	2
Balance in Bank, Feb. 29th, 1896	308	14	10
	17	6	6
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The Fifty-fourth Report

(15th of the NEW SERIES)

OF THE

COUNCIL OF THE CHETHAM SOCIETY,

Read at the Annual Meeting, held by permission of the Feoffees, in the Audit Room of Chetham's Hospital, Manchester, on Friday, the 28th of May, 1897, by adjournment from the 1st of March.

THE past year 1896-7 has afforded but little matter for the Report of the Council of the Chetham Society. One volume only has as yet been delivered to the members, namely, the First Part of the *Minutes of the Bury Presbyterian Classis, 1647-1657*, edited by MR. W. A. SHAW, M.A., to whom the Society has before been indebted for the three volumes of the Minutes of the Manchester Classis. The two works form the most important contribution to the Ecclesiastical History of Lancashire from 1646 to 1660 that has yet been given to the world, but in addition to containing matter of great local interest, they form a most valuable contribution to the History of Presbyterianism generally during the same period, and throw much light, not elsewhere to be found, on the ecclesiastical system which the Presbyterian and more conservative section of the Commonwealth party desired to establish on the ruins of the Episcopal Church, a system which, out of London, was nowhere established in a formal and orderly manner, except in Lancashire. The only other Minutes which are known to exist of any Provincial Classes—those of Nottingham and Cornwall—are very brief, extending

only over a few pages, and these will appear as an Appendix to the Second Part of the Minutes of the Bury Classis. Mr. Shaw also promises as a further Appendix notices of the several Ministers taking part in the Classis, which will add much to the local interest of the volume.

Two other volumes are also in course of printing, and will very shortly be issued, one of them as the second for 1896-7, and the other as the first for 1897-8. These are (1) a series of *Lancashire and Cheshire Wills and Inventories*, edited by Mr. J. P. RYLANDS, F.S.A., from the transcripts prepared by the late Mr. Earwaker, and for which Mrs. C. W. Sutton has kindly undertaken to prepare the Index, and (2) the First Part of the *Chartulary of Cockersand Abbey*, edited by Mr. WILLIAM FARRER. The First Part of the Cockersand Chartulary will comprise the Hundred of Amounderness, and is no less interesting than the Chartularies already printed by the Society. Its value is greatly enhanced by the notes appended by Mr. Farrer, and by an abridged translation giving the substance of each Charter. The complete Chartulary of Cockersand will extend over three volumes, the second of which will include the charters relating to the Hundreds of Leyland, West Derby, Salford, and Blackburnshire, and the third the Lonsdale, Cumberland, Westmoreland, and Yorkshire charters.

The Council are glad to say that Mr. Sutton's long promised *Life of Humphrey Chetham* is nearly ready for the press, and either it or the Second Part of the Cockersand Chartulary may be expected as the second volume for 1897-8.

The Council have in contemplation a volume of Miscellanies, for which they invite contributions. The Honorary Secretary has received from the widow of Prebendary Finch Smith a contemporary copy of Latin poems composed and recited by scholars of the Manchester Grammar School in 1640. To several of the poems well-known names are appended as those of the authors. They form an interesting illustration of the state of the Grammar School in the reign of Charles I, and might well form part of such a volume; another contribution to which would be a tract by George Walker, rector of St. John Evangelists, Watling Street, London, a well-known Puritan divine, and native of Hawkshead. This, though undated, must have appeared about 1620, and is an appeal to the writer's countrymen residing in London to find money to pay preachers in Lancashire. The President would

probably contribute to such a volume a contemporary and unpublished "Apostolical Life of Ambrose Barlow of the Order of St. Benedict," who was executed at Lancaster in 1628.

The following further works are in progress:—

Materials for the History of the Church of Lancaster. Part III. By W. O. ROPER, Esq.

Visitationes Exemptæ Jurisdictionis Abbatis et Conventus Beatæ Mariæ Virginis de Whalley. By MISS ALICE M. COOKE, M.A.

Account Book of Sir Nicholas Shireburn. By the Rev. JOHN GERARD, S.J.

The Lancashire Recusants of 1716: being a True List of the names of those convicted as Popish Recusants at the several Quarter Sessions within the County Palatine of Lancaster. By JOSEPH GILLOW, Esq.

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